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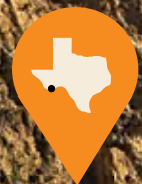
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Kevin Stillman

ON THE COVER

Powwow Wow

Hundreds of Native American dancers, drummers, and artists will converge on Austin **Nov. 4** for the 26th annual **Austin Powwow**. The intertribal event has grown exponentially from its humble beginnings, so much so that last year it relocated to the Austin Expo Center; its 30,000 attendees make it one of the largest single-day powwows in the country. The event brings together approximately 80 tribes—from Texas, of course, but also South Carolina, Oklahoma, Standing Rock, Canada, and Central America—to celebrate their different tribal heritages and histories. See page 69 for details.

COVER PHOTO: Will van Overbeek

NO BEANS ABOUT IT

TERLINGUA IS NO GHOST TOWN the first weekend in November. That's because every year for half a century, the former mining outpost has hosted up to 20,000 chiliheads vying to help crown the year's best chili con carne. It all began in 1967 as a cookoff between two chili aficionados: Wick Fowler of the Chili Appreciation Society International, and H. Allen Smith, a former New Yorker who had published a magazine article titled, "Nobody Knows More About Chili Than I Do." As the legend goes, the two men tied (despite Smith's use of beans in his recipe—an abomination by Texas standards), and so began this annual tradition. Today, hundreds of chili cooks compete all year in order to obtain an invitation to compete in Terlingua **Nov. 1-4**. The cookoff splintered into two festivals in 1983: the **Original Terlingua International Championship Chili Cookoff** and the **Terlingua International Chili Championship**, held concurrently on the same weekend, just a few miles apart, so now—in addition to arguing about who makes the best bowl of chili—attendees can argue about which cookoff is better. Regulars get in the spirit all week long by camping and enjoying live music nightly. For more information, visit casichili.net and abowlofred.com.

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CALENDAR *at a Glance*

SEPTEMBER



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GALVESTON: Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival One of the largest of its kind in Texas, this event at the Moody Gardens Convention Center will feature more than 400 craft beers, live music, and educational seminars. brewmastersbeerfest.com

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BERTRAM: Oatmeal Festival The 40th annual event includes food and craft vendors, games, a fun run, a horse trail ride, pet and grand parades, an oatmeal drop flyover, a bake-off, music, dance, and a vintage movie theater. oatmealfestival.org

2-9

ALVARADO: Pioneers and Old Settlers Reunion At the 125th annual event, enjoy a parade, carnival, queen contest, baby contest, fiddle contest, music, car show, vendors, and more. alvaradopubliclibrary.org

8-10

DALLAS: Chocolate Festival Meet chocolate artisans, watch live chocolate-making demonstrations, and sample and shop from more than 40 vendor participants. The festival showcases nationally recognized chocolatiers as well as local talents from across Texas. dallaschocolate.org

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HONDO: South Texas Maize Starting Sept. 16, adventurers of all ages can find their way in and out of a 7-acre maze at this seasonal celebration. Enjoy a cornucopia of family-friendly activities like farm hayrides and wheel barrow races through Nov. 26. southtexasmaize.com

22-24

MCKINNEY: Oktoberfest The festival celebrates its 10th year with Texas' largest chicken dance, a weenie dog race, and a competition to see who can eat the most bratwursts in eight minutes. oktoberfestmckinney.com

22-24

PLANO: Balloon Festival This three-day festival features 50 hot air balloons, morning and evening launches, balloon glows, tethered rides, skydivers, fireworks, kids activities, live music, and a half marathon. planoballoonfest.org



PHOTOS: (Clockwise from top left of this page) Michael Amador, courtesy of Texas Rose Festival. Will van Overbeek, courtesy of Plano CVB

OCTOBER



6-7

VICTORIA: Bootfest This free festival features Texas country and Tejano recording artists including Pat Green and Jason Boland, boot making demonstrations, custom boot vendors, western craftsmen, a kids' corral, and a fireworks display. bootfest.org



7-8

MCALLEN: PalmFest More than 50,000 people are expected to come out for the 12th annual event's major attractions, historical displays, art, family games, rides, cooking competitions and demonstrations, live entertainment, and diverse food and beverage. palmfest.com

12-14

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Seafair Celebrating its 43rd year, the festival offers a gumbo cookoff, crab races, an outdoor boat show, and live big-name and local entertainment. rockportseafair.com

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RANGER: Ranger Oil Boom Centennial Celebration A big parade featuring the theme "Most Spectacular Blowout of All" will kick off a week of events. This year marks the centennial year of the oil boom in Ranger, noted "the boom that won World War I." 254-647-3340

19-22

TYLER: Texas Rose Festival This annual festival—the highlight of rose season—features a parade, courtly costumes at the Queen's Coronation, and the aroma of hundreds of thousands of roses. texasrosefestival.com

20-22

AUSTIN: Formula 1 United States Grand Prix World-renowned drivers head to Circuit of the Americas' state-of-the-art 3.4-mile track. Races will be followed with live performances by Justin Timberlake and Stevie Wonder. circuitoftheamericas.com

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CRANFILLS GAP: Bacon Bash Texas Fifty professional and backyard chefs battle it out to make the best bacon dish. Taste bacon funnel cake, bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin, and everything in between. baconbashtexas.com

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NOVEMBER



2-5

GALVESTON: Lone Star Motorcycle Rally More than 500,000 motorcyclists are expected to attend the 16th annual event—the largest four-day motorcycle rally in the country. lonestarrally.com

3-12

NEW BRAUNFELS: Wurstfest A 10-day celebration of sausage and beer, plus live music on multiple stages, dancing, a carnival, and lots of German-Texan hospitality. wurstfest.com



4-5

GEORGE WEST: Storyfest Head to the Storytelling Capital of Texas to hear professional storytellers, cowboy poets, ghost stories, live music, living history exhibits, a classic car and motorcycle show, and a children's area. georgeweststoryfest.org

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10-12

MCDADE: Sound on Sound Festival Held 35 miles east of Austin at Sherwood Forest, the music festival includes a wide variety of acts including The Shins, comedy stand-ups, panel sessions, and on-site camping. soundonsoundfest.com

10-12

SALADO: Scottish Gathering and Highland Games The oldest festival of its kind in Texas includes the skirl of bagpipes, traditional Scottish dancing and athletics, a dog parade, live music, shopping, and food. saladoscottishfestival.com

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GALVESTON: An Evening with Sophia Loren The Oscar-winning actress will captivate The Grand 1894 Opera House with an intimate onstage conversation featuring former "Entertainment Tonight" host Bill Harris, along with film clips, home movies, and a Q&A session. thegrand.com

17-18

CLUBURNE: Pioneer Days Experience life in 1854 in the town of Wardville with historic buildings, cowboys, Native Americans, pioneers, gunfighters, Civil War reenactors, and food and art vendors. jchisholmtrail.com



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Field Day
Round Top Antiques Week hits a milestone birthday for many of its vendors this year.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Picks across the state

ROUND TOP ROUNDUP

FROM FIELDS OF RUBBISH to exceptionally curated tents of antique décor, vintage shopping has never been better than it will be this fall in **Round Top**. More than 100,000 antique hunters from across the country are expected to make their biannual trek to this tiny town as a slew of vendors open up shop, including the **Arbor International Antiques & Interior Design Show** (arborantiques.com), which will celebrate its 20th anniversary Sept. 20–30; **Zapp Hall** (zaphall.com), which celebrates 30 years Sept. 29–Oct. 7; the **Marburger Farm Antique Show** (roundtop-marburger.com), which commemorated its 20th anniversary this past spring and returns Sept. 26–30; and the one that started it all—the **Original Round Top Antiques Fair** (roundtoptexasantiques.com)—which celebrates a milestone 50-year anniversary Sept. 25–30. For more information on all fall antique show schedules, visit roundtop.org.



SPLASH BASH

NOT EVERY community can fondly recall the good ol' days when mermaids would swim and play in the local waters, but **San Marcos** can. Between the 1950s and the 1990s, San Marcos was home to Aquarena Springs, one of Texas' most popular theme parks. Located in Spring Lake at the headwaters of the river, Aquarena Springs' attractions included a submerged theater where the "Aquamaids" (mermaids, some with tails, some without) performed graceful underwater dances and other playful antics. Though the theme park is long gone and Texas State University now operates Spring Lake as a research and educational center, memories of the park and the city's thriving mermaid culture live on because, after a bit of an absence, the mermaids have returned.

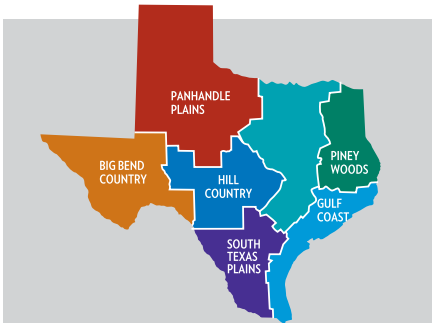
On **Sept. 2–17**, San Marcos celebrates both the fairy-tale history of mermaids and their modern resurgence as the city's symbols with the **SMTX Mermaid Splash**. With a series of family activities, social events, and educational forums on a variety of San Marcos topics, this second annual fete is as much a party for the beautiful San Marcos River as it is an affirmation of the local community and the mermaids who work to protect it through this grassroots movement. The 16-day festival wraps up with its three biggest events—the Mermaid Society Ball on Sept. 15 and the Mermaid Parade and Aqua Faire on Sept. 16. At last year's inaugural Mermaid Society Ball, several hundred guests enjoyed live music, specialty drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and a mermaid swimming around in an enormous fish tank. For more information, visit mermaidsocietysmtx.com or call **512-825-2819**.
—Anthony Head

PHOTOS: (left) Will van Overbeek; (above) courtesy of San Marcos Convention and Visitor Bureau; (above right) courtesy of Harry Ransom Center.

MÉXICO MODERNO

OPENING **SEPT. 11** at the Harry Ransom Center at The University of Texas at **Austin**, "**Mexico Modern: Art, Commerce, and Cultural Exchange, 1920–1945**" will showcase two decades of modern Mexican art and design and the ways in which it propelled a dialogue between Mexico and its neighbors across the Rio Grande. The Austin exhibit will boast more than 200 items from artists like Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, graphic designer Miguel Covarrubias, and jewelry designer William Spratling through Jan. 1 before traveling to the Museum of the City of New York. For more information, visit hrc.utexas.edu/mexicomodern or call **512-471-8944**.





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BIG BEND COUNTRY

EL PASO: Sept. 23; Oct. 7, 21 Chopin Music Festival The 2017 festival premieres Sept. 23 with Ning An. Mei Sing-Teung performs Oct. 7, and Lucy Scarborough performs Oct. 21. Chamizal National Memorial Theatre, 800 S. San Marcial St. elpasochopinfest.com 915-584-1595 or 915-533-0348

FORT STOCKTON: Sept. 16 Act I—Raising Funds for FSCT A day of events for all ages (wine tastings, food, costume contests, an auction, and special children's area) sponsored by Mesa Vineyards' Ste. Genevieve Winery to benefit the Fort Stockton Community Theatre's Building Fund. The Grey Mule Saloon Tasting Room, 101 E. Callaghan. fsccommunitytheatre.org 432-336-3180 or 432-336-2201

MARATHON: Sept. 22-23 West Fest Enjoy one of Marathon's most popular events. A full weekend of activities for the whole family include a cabrito cookoff and a dance. Proceeds go to the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department and other local causes. Post Park. marathontexas.com 432-386-5414 or 832-722-4924

MONAHANS: Sept. 9 Desert Reflections Car Show A car show featuring food and craft vendors. Hill Park, 500 S. Allen. monahans.org 432-943-2187

ODESSA: Sept. 7 American Tribute Prosperity Bank and the City of Odessa remember the events of 9/11/2001, celebrate the lives of fallen officers, and honor first responders. A brief ceremony at the Memorial area will be followed by the placement of 3,000 flags around the pond. Memorial Gardens Park, 4730 E. 42nd. odessatxparks.org 432-368-3548

ODESSA: Sept. 8-16 Permian Basin Fair and Exposition Tons of fun awaits the entire family: rides, food, talent shows, roaming performers, petting zoos,

and more. Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway. pbfair.com 432-550-3232

ODESSA: Sept. 16 Randy Rogers Band in Concert The Texas country group performs. Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave. dosamigos.com/events 432-307-6384

ODESSA: Sept. 30 Tap Into Downtown Odessa The second annual event will feature Texas' best wines and craft beers to taste, food trucks, and live jazz and acoustic music. Downtown Odessa, Inc., 119 W. Fourth St. downtownodessatx.com 432-335-4682

GULF COAST

ANGLETON: Sept. 16 Texas Navy Day Celebration Celebrate the Republic of Texas Navy at Surfside. Interact with costumed interpreters and watch period artillery at work. SF Austin - Munson Park, 41885 Texas 288. brazoria-county.com/parks 979-849-5965

BEAUMONT: June 10-Sept. 10 FRESH: Recent Acquisitions Each year, the museum presents an exhibition of works solely from the permanent collection, giving Southeast Texas audiences the opportunity to see the works that are now part of their museum. This exhibition will include recent acquisitions, featuring artists such as Helen Altman, Michael Bise, Linnis Blanton, Lester Davis, and James Drake. Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 500 Main St. amset.org 409-832-3432

BEAUMONT: June 10-Sept. 10 Sherry Owens Exhibition Native Texan and Dallas artist Sherry Owens is renowned for her sculpture made of crepe myrtle tree pieces, simultaneously evoking both the natural and other worldly elements of the tree in her sculptures and installations. Owens often states that she is a recycle artist and fills her studio with branches that would otherwise be discarded. Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 500 Main St. amset.org 409-832-3432

BEAUMONT: June 13-Sept. 10 Experimenting with Gravity This interactive science exhibit is designed for ages 6 and up. Texas Energy Museum, 600 Main St. texasenergymuseum.org 409-833-5100

BEAUMONT: Aug. 17-Oct. 8 Cafe Arts: Mary Pat Nelson Gross Part of the museum's Cafe Arts program, which regularly features artists local to Beaumont and Southeast Texas. Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 500 Main St. amset.org 409-832-3432

BEAUMONT: Sept. 9 Neches River Rally This canoe and kayak rally takes paddlers on one of the most popular paddling trails in Southeast Texas. The trail features the famous Madonna Tree with a paddle through a cypress-tupelo forest in the Big Thicket National Preserve. bigthicket.org/neches-river-rally 409-790-5499

BEAUMONT: Sept. 9 Spindletop Roller Girls vs. Conroe Cutthroats The Beaumont-based Spindletop Roller Girls are the original flat-track women's roller derby league. Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St. spindletoprollergirls.com 409-838-3435

BEAUMONT: Sept. 28 Smokey Robinson in Concert The Grammy winner and living legend performs. Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St. beaumontcvb.com 800-745-3000

BRAZORIA: Sept. 16 Shake, Rattle, and Roll The East Texas Quartet entertains with their vocal harmonies, hula hooping skills, and comedy. Brazoria Civic Center, 202 W. Smith. 979-236-0241

CLUTE: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 Planetarium Show Features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector to produce the night sky as it appears to the naked eye, together with a large variety of high-tech equipment to give a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. bcfas.org 979-265-3376

CORPUS CHRISTI: Through Sept. 30 Wildlife in Focus Photography Exhibition The Center presents an exhibition of 150 large, full-color, award-winning wildlife photographic images from the biennial Wildlife in Focus competition. South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org or wildlifeinfocus.org 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: Sept. 2-3 Arts Alive Enjoy a weekend full of curated art experiences, from wood block printing with a steam roller, molten aluminum tile pouring, a community mural, family art activities, art vendors, and more. Art Center of Corpus Christi, 100 N. Shoreline. artcentercc.org 361-884-6406

CORPUS CHRISTI: Sept. 2 Kids Discover Reptiles and Amphibians Texas Master Naturalist Chad Huckabee and animal staffer Rich Hafemeister teach kids from ages 3 to 93 about habits and habitats of frogs, toads, iguanas, turtles, tortoises, lizards, snakes, and other creatures—ones you may or may not want to have as pets. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: Sept. 9 Intro to Exciting World of Birds Basic introduction designed for beginners with little or no experience in birding, by noted birder, educator, author, and naturalist Gene Blacklock. Study some of the 450-plus known bird species in South Texas. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: Sept. 23 Shorebird Identification All levels of birders can study Coastal Bend shorebirds, plovers, sandpipers, phalaropes, life histories, migration timelines, and basic plumage with noted birder, naturalist, author, and educator Gene Blacklock. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

FREEPORT: Sept. 1-2 Summertime Blues Fest and Biker Bash Present Labor Day Pipes and Stripes Cool blues and great food to end a long, hot summer. Motorcycle run, biker games, live music, and vendors. Freeport Municipal Park, 410 N. Brazosport Blvd. 979-482-2036

FREEPORT: Sept. 23 Schuster Home Open House Built by the Schuster family in 1917, the same year the city of Freeport was incorporated, this home was a special place for family gatherings and holidays. The home serves as an example of family life during the founding of Freeport. Schuster Home, 1130 W. Second. 979-297-0868

GALVESTON: Sept. 1-3 Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival One of the largest of its kind in Texas, this event will feature more than 400 craft beers, live music, educational seminars, and more. Moody Gardens Convention Center, 7 Hope Blvd. brewmastersbeerfest.com

GALVESTON: Sept. 3 Galveston Symphony Orchestra Concert Conductor Dr. Trond Saeverud and the Galveston Symphony Orchestra present their fall pops concert. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894



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GALVESTON: Sept. 16-17 Ronnie Milsap Farewell Concert With 40 No. 1 hits, six Grammy awards, and a dozen CMAs including Entertainer of the Year and four turns at Male Vocalist of the Year, Milsap has been a consistent chart topper and true icon in the industry, known for his highly entertaining live show. Don't miss the final opportunity to see this amazing performer. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Sept. 23 Chita and Tune: Two For The Road, Chita Rivera and Tommy Tune Two of Broadway's legendary performers appear together in a stunning opening night. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Sept. 28 "How I Became A Pirate" Sail off on a swashbuckling musical excursion as young Jeremy Jacobs joins Captain Braid Beard's band of comical pirates and searches for the perfect spot to bury their treasure. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Sept. 29-30 Galveston Island Wild Texas Shrimp Festival This festival features some of the best shrimp gumbo on the Gulf Coast. There will be a seafood cookoff, gumbo tasting, parade, and a Strand merchants walkabout. Saengerfest Park, 2302 Strand St. galvestonshrimpfestival.com

HOUSTON: July 26-Sept. 3 "Wood Sez: The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie" The legendary singer-songwriter transformed folk music into a powerful vehicle for political expression with hits like "This Land is Your Land" and "The Ballad of Tom Joad." In this thrilling musical, Guthrie's timeless songs reveal the iconic artist's bold vision for the America he deeply loved. In conjunction with "Woody Sez," the theater will host two musical hoo-tenannies following matinee performances of the show. Audiences, musicians, and the public are invited to bring instruments, noisemakers, or just their voices and join the cast for an informal jam session. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy., Suite 101. stagetheatre.com 713-527-0123

HOUSTON: Aug. 1-Sept. 4 Restaurant Weeks For thousands of Houstonians and visitors to the bayou city, Houston Restaurant Weeks provides a monthlong passport to the city's top restaurants and award-winning chefs. All proceeds raised from area restaurants go directly to the Food Bank. For more than four weeks, diners get to taste prix-fixe menus for lunch and dinner. Various locations. houstonrestaurantweeks.com

HOUSTON: Sept. 1-3 Ella at 100 Kicking off Houston Symphony conductor Steven Reineke's inaugural season with a program to celebrate one of his all-time favorite artists, Ella Fitzgerald. In honor of her 100th birthday, Steven has lined up three formidable vocal powerhouses. Together, Montego Glover, Capathia Jenkins, and N'Kenge are delivering music that the world has come to cherish, such as "Dream a Little Dream of Me," "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)," and "Summertime." Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonarts.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Sept. 1-4 Lone Star Flight Museum Grand Opening To celebrate its grand opening, the Lone Star Flight Museum will conduct a ribbon ceremony on Friday morning. The museum will open to the public on Saturday with special family activities through Monday, including entertainment and food

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trucks, and free admission for children 11 and under. Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Ave. lsfm.org

HOUSTON: Sept. 2-3 Rock and Pop Tribute Concert Tribute bands perform the hits of the Beatles, Pink Floyd, and other great artists. Traders Village Houston, 7979 North Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Sept. 8-9 "Xanadu" Inspiration and love collide in this hilarious, roller-skating musical that slyly questions the role of art in pop culture. Based on the 1980 cult classic film, "Xanadu" overflows with joyous high-spirited fun as Kira, a beautiful Greek muse, descends from Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California, to inspire struggling artist Sonny to create the pinnacle of artistic achievement—the Roller Disco. Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Dr. stagetheatre.com 713-527-0123

HOUSTON: Sept. 9 Downtown Houston Home and Lifestyle Tour Take a self-guided tour of residences that showcase housing options downtown, as well as the area's rich urban amenities. Greenlink will provide free transportation between participating downtown destinations including Historic Market Square Park and Allen's Landing. Various locations. downtownhouston.org 713-650-3022

HOUSTON: Sept. 9 Opening Night with Susan Graham Hailed as "America's favorite mezzo," the opera star lends her lustrous voice to opening night of the Houston Symphony's 2017-18 Season. Featuring arias from Graham's signature stage roles and favorite showtunes, this delightful program will begin the season with gorgeous melodies and the singer's infectious joy. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonarts.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Sept. 10 Shrimp Fest A festival dedicated to all things shrimp, featuring great music and plenty of good eats. Traders Village Houston, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Sept. 14, 16-17 Mahler and Dvořák The Houston Symphony's Classical Series begins with two visions of "The Heavenly Life." Imbued with the rhythms of Czech folk music, Dvořák's Te Deum evokes a rustic spirituality and features an electrifying ending. Mahler's Symphony No. 4 conjures a world of innocence and wonder, especially in its vocal finale. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonarts.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Sept. 18 Fiestas Patrias This festival celebrates Mexico's independence and features great live music. Traders Village Houston, 7979 North Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Sept. 19 Taste of the Nation for No Kid Hungry A celebrated culinary tasting event featuring more than 40 of the region's top chefs, sommeliers, and mixologists, all united for one cause: making sure all children have the nutritious food they need, every day. Silver Street Studios, 2000 Edwards St. nokidhungry.org/houston 512-551-3470

HOUSTON: Sept. 21 Blanket Bingo Bring your blanket and lawn chairs or snag one of the tables at the park for a night of bingo, music, and great prizes. Admission includes one bingo packet (approximately nine games); proceeds benefit Market Square Park and Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Market Square Park, 301 Milam St. marketsquarepark.com 713-650-3022

HOUSTON: Sept. 22-24 Andrés Conducts Schumann Andrés Orozco-Estrada leads the orchestra in two Romantic masterpieces by Schumann that frame an exciting world premiere. Jimmy López, the Houston Symphony's new Peruvian-born, California-based composer-in-residence, unveils his Violin Concerto, a piece he specially composed for violinist Leticia Moreno and the symphony. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonarts.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Sept. 22 ROCO in Concert: "To the Beat of a Different Drummer" River Oaks Chamber Orchestra's 13 season kicks off with a free performance. The concert features the world premiere of "Five Views," a percussion concerto by pioneering computer music composer Paul Lansky. Miller Outdoor Theater, 6000 Hermann Park Dr. rocohouston.org 713-665-2700

HOUSTON: Sept. 23 "From Harlem to Havana," The Da Camera 2017-18 season opening concert features The Harlem Quartet with Aldo López Gavilán. Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Sept. 23 ROCO in Concert: "To the Beat of a Different Drummer" Features the world premiere of "Five Views," a percussion concerto by pioneering computer music composer Paul Lansky. The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. rocohouston.org 713-665-2700

HOUSTON: Sept. 25 Houston Symphony Presents Garrison Keillor NPR veteran Garrison Keillor returns to Houston for the first time after stepping down from hosting "A Prairie Home Companion" following an incredible 42-season run. With his trademark storytelling and candid, observational comedy, Keillor captivates audiences using his unique blend of humor, charisma, and wisdom for this one-night event. Note: The orchestra will not appear on this program. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonarts.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Sept. 26 Body by Broadway Sing, squat, and dance along to your favorite Broadway tunes, taught by instructors from Define Mind & Body. The event is hosted by the Houston Downtown Management District and Theatre Under the Stars. Market Square Park, 301 Milam St. marketsquarepark.com 713-650-3022

HOUSTON: Sept. 28, 30; Oct. 1 Russian Masters Representing the great Russian conducting tradition, Vassily Sinaisky makes his Houston Symphony debut with a thrilling, all-Russian program. Two astonishing first



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HOUSTON: Sept. 30 MET Season Kickoff Performance METdance, a multifunctional dance organization, kicks off its 2017-18 season with a free performance. Levy Park, 3801 Eastside St. levyparkhouston.org 713-522-7275

KEMAH: Sept. 28-Oct. 1 Galveston Bay Songwriters Festival The inaugural festival features headliners like country star David Lee Murphy ("Dust on the Bottle," "Loco") and Americana artist and Texas native Radney Foster ("Nobody Wins," "Just Call Me Lonesome") and dozens of free songwriter-in-the-round shows with performances by area artists in Americana, country, roots-rock, and related genres at five venues. Kemah Community Center, 800 Harris Ave. galvestonbaysongwriters.com 512-217-9404

KEMAH: Sept. 30 Southern Style Market A one-stop shop for the latest styles in fashion, art, home decor, beauty, gourmet food, and more. Kemah Community Center, 800 Harris Ave. southernstyleevents.net 281-467-3577

KINGSVILLE: Sept. 16-17 South Texas Show Series A prospect show for livestock show projects. Cattle, lambs, goats, and pigs accepted. JK Northway Exposition Center, 501 E. Escondido. 361-296-4667

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 2 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Major Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Discover the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. Abner Jackson Plantation Site, FM 2004 near Texas 332. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 4 Pool Daze of Summer Pool games, free admission. Lake Jackson Outdoor Pool, 300 Magnolia. lakejackson-tx.gov 979-297-4533

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 6 Game Day at the Museum The museum rotunda is filled with games for all ages to enjoy. Lake Jackson Historical Museum, 249 Circle Way. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 9-10 Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Solve a whodunit while feasting on dinner. Lake Jackson Historical Museum, 249 Circle Way. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 16 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 Texas 332. gco.org 979-480-0999

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 16, 23 Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza Watch the thumb-sized hummers dart in and out of nectar-producing flowers like lantana, trumpet-vine, and honeysuckle; or spy them sipping nectar at feeders hanging from tree limbs and building awnings. Also see a bird-bander hold a tiny hummingbird while taking measurements, weighing it and tagging it for future study. Gulf Coast Birding Observatory Campus, 299 Texas 332. gco.org 979-480-0999

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 23 Peace Officers 5K The 5K starts at MacLean Park and winds through Lake Jackson. Awards given to overall male and female and in many age categories. MacLean Park, 93 Lake Road. brazoriacountytpoa.com 979-864-2220

More travel resources

The Texas Department of Transportation operates 12 Texas Travel Information Centers for the convenience of the traveling public.

For more information on these and other useful websites, go to page 80.

LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 23 Science Fest Watch chemical reactions, make crafts, hold reptiles, inspect fossils, and help conduct experiments. Lake Jackson Historical Museum, 249 Circle Way. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

ORANGE: Through July 14, 2018 "The World War I Homefront: Orange Goes Over the Top" New at The W.H. Stark House, this exhibit shares stories of how the Stark family and the people of Orange supported the war effort. Learn about the active role the family took in boosting troop morale, helping the Red Cross, and supplying our troops abroad. The W.H. Stark House, 610 W. Main Ave. [starkculturalvenues.org/whstarkhouse](http://starkculturalvenues.org/) 409/883-0871

ORANGE: Through Sept. 9 "Branding the American West: Paintings and Films, 1900-1950" This exhibition examines 20th-century images of the American West as seen through films of the era and through the eyes of Taos Society of Artists members and California-based artist Maynard Dixon. Stark Museum of Art, 712 Green Ave. starkculturalvenues.org/starkmuseum 409/886-2787

ORANGE: Sept. 15-17 Showdown on the Sabine The Sport Tunnel Boat Races feature 50-60 racers from United States to Canada. Food and drink vendors will be on-site as well as children's activities. This is a free event for the public. City of Orange Boat Ramp, 1000 Simmons Dr. orangetexas.org 409-883-1011 or 409-883-1010

PALACIOS: Sept. 28 Palacios Community Medical Center Box Supper Fundraiser A box supper is a fundraiser dinner party. Guests will preview an assortment of decorative, unique boxes that contain a ready-to-eat meal for two or more. The contents of the boxes are a surprise. Live auction. Palacios Recreation Center, 2401 Perryman Ave. palacioshospital.net 361-972-2511

PORT ARANSAS: Sept. 16 Conquer the Coast Choose from 10-mile, 25-mile, and 65-mile bike riding events and enjoy the scenery from Corpus Christi along the bay through Port Aransas and back to Corpus. Bayfront Park, 1517 N. Shoreline Blvd. conquerthecoast.org 361-881-1800

PORT ARTHUR: Sept. 9 Mexican Heritage Fiesta Enjoy a parade of costumes showcasing the 31 states of Mexico, folklorico dancers in vibrant costumes, live mariachi and dance bands, the Miss Mexican Heritage pageant, children's activities including face painting, and food vendors providing an array of authentic Mexican dishes. Robert A. "Bob" Bowers Civic Center, 3401 Cultural Center Dr. mexicanheritagefiesta.com 409-673-3817

QUINTANA: Sept. 23 Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up Volunteers gather for a general beach clean-up. Dress for the weather and bring along some water. Supplies provided. Free meal afterward. Quintana Beach County Park, 330 Fifth St. brazoria-county.com/parks 979-864-1541

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Sept. 6-8 Warrior's Weekend Heroes Cup A fishing tournament for soldiers wounded in the line of duty. rockportfulton.org

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Sept. 14-17 HummerBird Celebration Rockport celebrates the tiny winged ones with a reception, workshops, HummerBird Malls, bus and boat tours, exhibits, banding, and lectures presented by world-renowned experts. 1801 Omohundo St. rockporthummingbird.com

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 8-10 Wahoo Classic Fishing from Jim's Pier, anglers will compete in three categories: Wahoo, Black Fin Tuna, and Dorado/Mahi Mahi. Held during the best fishing weather of the year, the second annual event features \$15,000 in cash prizes for the top three competitors. Jim's Pier, 211 W. Swordfish St. sopadre.com 956-761-5467

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 22-23 Boat and Kayak Fishing Tournament Valley Haven's third annual tournament offers \$11,000 in cash prizes, customs plaques, a raffle, social events, and more. Louie's Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd. valleyhaveninc.org 956-893-0422

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 1 Giving Spirits Concert Series Enjoy live pop variety music from Genre Band, a hot new Houston-born entertainment group that brings together top hits from your favorite classics. Also, learn more about The Alzheimer's Association. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 7 Sturgill Simpson in Concert The performance will feature material from throughout Simpson's catalog and is his way of thanking fans—both old and new—for a series of unprecedented years. Smart Financial Centre, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 7 Toddler Music with Sessions Enjoy a free class on the plaza with Sessions Music. Immerse your child in a musical atmosphere of play, song, and dance, all while developing fundamental skills and connecting with other moms, dads, and families. Recommended for ages newborn to 7 years. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 8 Opry on the Square Enjoy Country Now and Then, featuring country favorites that will appeal to all generations of country music fans. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 9 Frolic at the Park Girls Inc. to put on their annual event. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. girlsinc-houston.org

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 10 ZZ Top in Concert The legendary rockers will keep on rolling as they bring The Tonnage Tour to Sugar Land, following the release of their new live greatest-hits album last fall. The blues-rock

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trio set its roots in Houston and are Texans through-and-through. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 12 Bryan Adams in Concert Along with cuts from his new release, the concert will include songs from Adams' vast collection of hits including "Summer of '69," "Heaven," and "Everything I Do (I Do It For You)." Smart Financial Centre, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 15 Dancing Under the Stars Break out your dancing shoes for a night of dancing with Fred Astaire Dance Studio instructors. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 15 Sammy Hagar & The Circle in Concert Part of the Mercedes-Benz of Sugar Land Concert Series. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 16 Children's Wellness Bash The third annual event, brought to you by the WOW Project, features seven different interactive stations that represent the Seven Dimensions of Wellness, live entertainment, a Sample Market, and more. The Bash will be geared toward children ages 5 and up (and those who are still kids at heart). Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 16 Fossil Wash Day Get down and dirty with the paleontology team and help sift through dirt from a fossil dig in Seymour, Texas. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 21 Steve Winwood in Concert For more than four decades, Winwood has remained a primary figure in rock 'n' roll, a respected innovator who has helped to create some of the genre's most celebrated achievements. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 22 Lyrics and Lawn Games The Plaza turns into one big backyard party. Enjoy lawn games, beer and wine, and live music from Jones the Band, a Dallas-based blues-R&B-rock band that plays both original and variety music. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 23 Skeeters Foundation Kickball Tournament Bring a team to this annual tournament, donate, and help make this the best fundraising year yet. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarlandskeeters.com

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 27 Ms. Lauryn Hill and Nas in Concert The Grammy Award-winning powerhouse and the anthemic rap superstar are ready to rule the world on their co-headlining tour, with special guest Chronixx. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 29 Paramore in Concert with Special Guest Best Coast Rock out with American rock band and listen to new songs off their album "After Laughter." Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Sept. 29 Vino and Vintage Vocals Travel through the decades with live music featuring Strange Days Band, the ultimate classic rock experience that takes you through the '60s and '70s, drawing from

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the well of great audience-pleasing hits. Vino & Vinyl will be on the plaza with special wine to purchase. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SURFSIDE BEACH: Sept. 23 Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up Volunteers gather for a general beach clean-up. Dress for the weather and bring along some water. Supplies provided. Free meal afterward. Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway. brazoria-county.com/parks 979-864-1541

TEXAS CITY: Sept. 16 Old Smokey Cookoff Sixth Street's biggest cookoff of the year is back for its fourth annual competition. Help raise money and awareness for Shriners Hospitals for Children—entry fee includes No. 18 Old Smokey charcoal grill. 520 Sixth St. texas-city-tx.org 409-549-4815

TEXAS CITY: Sept. 30-Oct. 21 Quilt Show After a short hiatus, the Texas City Museum is bringing back its annual quilt show. Beautiful quilted art by community members will be displayed—attendees can vote for their favorite piece. 409 Sixth St. texas-city-tx.org 409-229-1660

TOMBALL: Sept. 30 Beetles, Brew, and Barbecue Tomball's version of a Texas-style Oktoberfest with more than 150 classic Volkswagen Beetles, Texas craft brew and breweries, local barbecue, and more. There will be a kids' zone, vendors, festival foods, and live classic rock from The Allen Oldies Band and Endless Summer. Historic Downtown Depot, 201 S. Elm. tomballtx.gov 281-351-5484

VICTORIA: Sept. 14-17 "Boeing Boeing" Theatre Victoria presents this classic farce. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. theatrevictoria.org 361-570-8587

VICTORIA: Sept. 16 "The Undisputed Masters" Victoria Symphony presents this concert, featuring cellist Christine Lamprea. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Dr. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

VICTORIA: Sept. 24 Czech Heritage Festival Featuring live polka music, a Tarok tournament, traditional arts and crafts, Czech foods, a home-made beer and wine show, live demonstrations, and exhibits of historical Czech items. Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. victoriaczechs.org 361-575-0820

VICTORIA: Sept. 30 Fall for Dance Witness a display of amazing choreography and skill in a repertory of classical and contemporary pieces. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. victoriaballet.org 361-575-2313

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through Sept. 6 "Deep in the Vaults of Texas: A Campus Collaboration" This exhibit features rare, unexpected, and some artifacts never seen by the public from 11 archives and museums across The University of Texas at Austin campus, including the LBJ Presidential Library. The public will experience items from a wide range of time periods and locations. LBJ Library, 2313 Red River St. lbjlibrary.org 512-721-0200

AUSTIN: Sept. 10 Janet Jackson in Concert The global music icon, multiple Grammy Award-winner, and multiplatinum selling artist will embark on a four-month North American tour this fall, "State of the World." Tickets held for the May 26, 2016, "Unbreakable" tour date originally scheduled for the Frank Erwin Center will be honored. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060

AUSTIN: Sept. 11-Jan. 1 "Mexico Modern: Art, Commerce, and Cultural Exchange, 1920-1945" Chronicling two decades of cultural exchange between Mexico and the United States, this exhibition showcases examples of modern Mexican art and design. The more than 200 items are drawn primarily from the collections of the Harry Ransom Center. Harry Ransom Center at The University of Texas at Austin, 300 W. 21st St. hrc.utexas.edu/mexicomodern 512-471-8944

AUSTIN: Sept. 15-16 Lone Star Le Mans This three-day event is COTA's unique twist on the world's greatest sports car endurance race, the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The weekend features live music, interactive displays, an open paddock, and nearly nine hours of racing, finishing under the stars—all topped off with a dazzling fireworks show. Circuit of the Americas, 9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd. circuitoftheamericas.com

AUSTIN: Sept. 16-17 Wrangler Long Live Cowboys Classic Making its first-ever stop in Austin for this year's elite Built Ford Tough Series, the PBR features the Top 35 bull riders in the world and the top bulls in the business. As the world's top cowboys go ride for ride against the toughest bulls around to earn coveted points for the overall season, fans in the Lone Star State can expect to see some of PBR's toughest athletes, including current reigning World Champion Cooper Davis. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060

AUSTIN: Sept. 17 Museum Day Organized by the Austin Museum Partnership, this special day features free exhibitions and activities at participating Austin-area museums and cultural sites. Various locations. austinmuseums.org

AUSTIN: Sept. 21-28 Fantastic Fest The largest genre film festival in the U.S. specializes in horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action, and just plain fantastic movies from around the world. Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas. fantasticfest.com

AUSTIN: Sept. 22 The Flatlanders in Concert with Dan Penn Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Joe Ely, and Butch Hancock have been friends for almost 40 years, and members of that not-really-a-band, life-of-its-own musical entity known as The Flatlanders for nearly as long. Joining them for this show is songwriting icon Dan Penn; the master songwriter behind "The Dark End of the Street" and "I'm Your Puppet" rarely tours, making this show an extra special one. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Sept. 23 Roger McGuinn in Concert Former Byrds frontman Roger McGuinn is credited by many as the creator of folk-rock. Once he

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strapped on his 12-string Rickenbacker and sang "Turn, Turn, Turn," the sound of the 1960s was never the same. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Sept. 24 Enrique Iglesias and Pitbull in Concert The multiplatinum selling and Grammy Award-winning global superstars share the stage on tour. CNCO will join as a special guest. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060

AUSTIN: Sept. 27 Arcade Fire in Concert The band embarks on their "Infinite Content" tour, which will make its way through North America starting September 5 in Quebec City. The tour will make a stop in Austin with opening band Wolf Parade. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060

AUSTIN: Sept. 28 Radney Foster: Sycamore Creek Album and Book Release For 30 years Foster has thrived as a songwriter, recording artist, live performer and producer. His songs have topped the country, Americana, and AAA charts alike. At the same time, he's earned the respect of his peers and a devoted audience as intent on listening as they are eager to dance. He premieres a new CD and book at this very special show. Stateside at the Paramount, 719 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Sept. 30 AJ Croce: Just Like Medicine Album Release From his debut as a jazz influenced blues-based artist to his evolution into a pop music iconoclast, the singer-songwriter has traveled a circuitous musical road. The son of legendary singer-songwriter Jim Croce, A.J.'s career began with his first tour at age 18 opening up for B.B. King. In the span of a 20-plus-year career, A.J. has headlined festivals and major venues worldwide. Stateside at the Paramount, 719 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Sept. 30 Austoberfest This year, the Austin Saengerrunde will celebrate the fifth annual event in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of Scholz Garten, the oldest continuously operating tavern in the state. This festival celebrates German heritage in Texas with local German-style beers, sausage from some of the best barbecuers in town, bowling, live music, and plenty of room to polka the night away. Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto Blvd. austoberfest.com

AUSTIN: Sept. 30 Texas Craft Brewers Festival The largest beer festival for and by Texas brewers. This annual event features the best of Texas craft beer and displays the thriving beer community across the Lone Star State. Fiesta Gardens, 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St. texascraftbrewersfestival.org

AUSTIN: Apr. 7-Sep. 22 Unplugged at the Grove Every week this summer, join locals under the shade of the tall pecan grove for Austin-inspired home-cooking, cocktails, sunshine, and unplugged performances by some of Austin's hottest live acts, one of Austin's longest-running free live music series. Shady Grove, 1624 Barton Springs Road. theshadygrove.com/unplugged 512-474-9991

AUSTIN: Aug. 29-Sep. 4 Out of Bounds Comedy Festival Comedians from around the country show Austinites their comedy chops and throw down in a mini-golf tourney. Various locations. outofboundscomedy.com

BANDERA: Sept. 2-3 Celebrate Bandera This is the time of the cowboy—and music, horses, and a Longhorn cattle drive down Main Street. The event includes arts and crafts, music, reenactments, a parade, and a ranch rodeo. Main Street. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-4447

BANDERA: Sept. 2 Market Days Arts and crafts vendors on the Courthouse lawn in downtown Bandera. Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. banderatexasbusiness.com 830-796-4447

BANDERA: Sept. 5 Cowboy Capital Opry Grand Old Opry-style entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. silversagecorral.org 830-796-4969

BANDERA: Sept. 23 Cajun Festival and Gumbo Cookoff Enjoy live Cajun and zydeco music on two stages, a gumbo cookoff, homemade Cajun food, dancing, arts and crafts, games, and souvenirs at the 37th annual event. Lakehills Civic Center, 11225 Park Road 37. cajunfestival-medinalake.com 830-751-3130

BANDERA: Sept. 28-Oct. 1 Lace, Grace, and Gears Attempting to set a world record for the largest gathering of female motorcycle riders in one place. Four event-filled days include tent camping, music, rides, and more. 2E Twin Elm Guest Ranch, 810 FM 470. lacegracegears.com 830-796-3045

BERTRAM: Sept. 2 Oatmeal Festival The 40th annual event includes food and craft vendors, games, fun run, horse trail ride, pet and grand parades, an oatmeal drop flyover, a bake-off, music, dance, and a vintage movie theater. Downtown Bertram. oatmealfestival.org 512-244-6357

BOERNE: Sept. 1-3 Kendall County Fair and Rodeo The 112th annual fair supplies homegrown fun in a carnival, rodeo, and livestock show as well as homestead heritage exhibits. Enjoy a multitude of food booths, craft booths, live music, clowns, children's activities, and more. Each evening is capped by a dance with a variety of bands and dance music. The parade on Main Street in downtown Boerne starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Kendall County Fair Grounds, 1307 River Road. visitboerne.org 830-249-2839

BOERNE: Sept. 2 Axiom Returns to the Cave This dynamic string quartet experiments with bringing their individual music performances to unconventional venues as well as traditional concert halls. Trademarks of Axiom Quartet's performances are the unique, diverse programs, combining different styles of string quartet repertoire under a specific theme, which is presented in an artistic and meaningful format. Cave Without A Name-Throne Room, 325 Kreuzberg Road. cavewithoutaname.com 830-537-4212

BOERNE: Sept. 9 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour Located behind Boerne City Hall, the Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like way back when. Kuhlmann-King House, 402 E. Blanco. visitboerne.org 210-823-9171

BOERNE: Sept. 9-10 Market Days Artists, crafters, and vendors share their creative talents and wares to the sounds of homegrown Texas musicians. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-844-8193

BOERNE: Sept. 9 Moondance Concert Series: Lost Mule Band Enjoy live music under the oaks and evening stars. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friendly dogs on leashes for an evening full of live music, dancing, and fun. Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. visitboerne.org 830-249-4616

BOERNE: Sept. 15-17 Texas Hydro-Geo Workshop The fourth annual workshop is centered on the collection, processing, analysis, and evaluation of hydrologic and geologic field data. It serves as an excellent introduction to aspiring geology, hydrology, and environmental science students as well as a refresher for

seasoned professionals. Cave Without A Name, 325 Kreuzberg Road. caves.org/grotto/bexargrotto/hydrogeo 830-537-4212

BOERNE: Sept. 16, 30 Hot Rod Night Reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-331-8799

BOERNE: Sept. 23 Fall Equinox—Underground Sounds Enjoy a thrilling and eclectic concert of contemporary acoustic songs, soaring vocals, ancient instrumentation, improvisation, and contemplation celebrating the autumnal equinox. The celebration of seasonal change features the words and music of songwriter/performance artist Rudi Harst (vocals, guitar, flute, Tibetan bowls) and The Circle Band. Part of the concert will be performed in total darkness and flickering candlelight, creating an unforgettable experience. Cave Without A Name—Throne Room, 325 Kreuzberg Road. cavewithoutaname.com 830-537-4212

BOERNE: Sept. 23 Paddle Battle A fun and charitable event for all experience levels and ages. From the Fun 5K to the Elite 10K race, spectators will be able to cheer their competitors on as the races take place. Awards, food trucks, drinks, vendors, live music, a raffle, and more will follow the race at Random Beer Garden. Boerne City Lake, 1 City Lake Road. visitboerne.org 210-842-4057

BOERNE: Sept. 23 Science In Nature This free back-to-school kickoff shows elementary-age children how to use nature to learn science. Activities include making seed necklaces and seed dissections, coloring with soils, drone technology and how it can be used to help the environment, the neat way insects move, and more. Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. visitboerne.org 830-331-8596

BOERNE: Sept. 28 Sip and Savor Join Kendall County Women's Shelter for a tasting event with an impact. The event will feature the area's upscale restaurants, wineries, distilleries, and breweries. Each vendor will highlight a specialty item from their menu. Cana Ballroom, 202 W. Kronkosky St. visitboerne.org 830-331-8950

BOERNE: Sept. 28 Thirst For Nature—Cider on the Cibolo Soak in the Cibolo Creek and enjoy a short hike with a refreshing Cypress Cider. The Nature Center's education staff will lead a guided stream hike, discussing the wildlife, stream stewardship, and protecting the health of the creek. Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. visitboerne.org 830-249-4616

BOERNE: Sept. 29 Oktoberfest A celebration of Bavarian culture, history, and great beer. Enjoy good food, German-Texas craft and domestic beer, special events, and the finest in live music. Olde Town, 265 S. Main St. visitboerne.org 786-445-0160

BRADY: Sept. 2 World Championship Barbecue Goat Cookoff The 44th annual cookoff features 206 cooking teams, a 5K fun run and walk, arts and crafts and food vendors, kids games, and live entertainment including the Josh Abbott Band. New this year is a Texas beer and wine tasting. Richards Park. bradytx.com 325-597-3491

BULVERDE: Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tejas Rodeo Weekly rodeos, live music, events, and steak dinners. Tejas Rodeo, 401 Obst Road. visitboerne.org 830-980-2226

BULVERDE: Sept. 16 Jubilee A self-proclaimed "Freedom Festival," this patriotic celebration is full of music, arts and crafts, good eats, and a parade. Downtown Bulverde, 30198 Bulverde Lane. facebook.com/bulverdejubilee 830-980-8801

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BURNET: Sept. 9 Bluebonnet Air Show This annual air show features World War II aircraft in static and flight demonstrations. Air show performances run from noon to 4 p.m., followed by children's activities and aircraft rides afterward. Burnet Municipal Airport, 2402 S. Water St. bluebonnetairshow.com 512-756-2226

BURNET: Sept. 9 Kids' Day Out Activities include archery, steer-head roping, casting with rod and reel, a fish tank, gemology, and face painting. YMCA of the Highland Lakes, 1601 S. Water St. burnetchamber.org 512-756-2963

BURNET: Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Day Out with Thomas Take a 25-minute ride with a full-size Thomas the Train Tank Engine and meet Sir Topham Hatt. Enjoy stories, music, and children's activities. Burnet Community Center, 401 E. Jackson St. austinsteamin.org 512-477-8468

COMFORT: Sept. 3 Founders' Day Celebration Established in the mid 1850s, Comfort features authentic 19th century German-style architecture. The celebration includes a scavenger hunt to find architectural features in Comfort's historic buildings with prizes from local businesses. Enjoy historic walking tours, music, and entertainment. Historic Downtown. comfort-texas.com 830-995-3131

COMFORT: Sept. 12 Music in the Park Texas musicians provide free outdoor music. This month's performer is the Almost Patsy Cline Trio. Comfort Park, 427 Main St. 830-285-9345

COMFORT: Sept. 16 Fall Art Festival Roughly 25-30 area artists will sell their works, including jewelry, painting, glass, and ceramics. Historic Downtown. comfort-texas.com 830-995-3131

CONCAN: Sept. 9 Frio River Trash Bash Help the Texas Hill Country River Region preserve its beauty for years to come. Kayak, swim, inner tube, or walk along the upper Frio River while picking up trash, followed by a free barbecue cookout (with prizes for volunteers). Garner State Park, 234 RR 1050. visitvaldecounty.com/events 830-232-4310

DOSS: Sept. 2 VFD Benefit Fish Fry The 34th annual volunteer fire department fundraiser includes golden fried catfish with all the trimmings, prize drawings, and live entertainment. Doss VFD Fire Station, 14500 RR 783. dossvfd.org 830-669-2220

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 1 First Friday Art Walk Tour fine art galleries offering special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours the first Friday of every month. Various locations. ffawf.com 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 2-3 Pacific Combat Living History Reenactment See equipment and weapons used during WWII and a battle reenactment set on an island in the Pacific. Pacific Combat Zone, 508 E. Austin. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 2 USO-Style Hangar Dance Enjoy a 1940s-style dance with swing dance lessons, big band live music, a costume contest, photo booth, and concessions. Portion of proceeds benefits the USO at Fort Hood. Pacific Showroom at the Hangar Hotel, 155 Airport Road. hangarhotel.com 830-997-9990

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 8-9 "The Wonder Bread Years" Fredericksburg Theater Company presents a fresh and funny salute to Americana. A comic bullseye for Baby Boomers everywhere. Steve W. Shepherd

Theater, 1668 Texas 87. fredericksburgtheater.org 830-997-3588

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 8-10 Fall Planting Days Daily lectures and demonstrations by John R. Thomas showing successful and timely wildflower planting techniques. Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Dr. wildseedfarms.com 830-990-8080

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 9 Boys & Girls Club Shopping Tournament Costumed teams of four compete to see who can spend the most money at participating stores on Main Street, with a portion of the sales going to the Boys & Girls Club of Fredericksburg. Main Street. shoppingtournament.org 830-997-8241

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 9 Historic Schools Open House Tour Three former country schools and one rural church, all listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be open for visits and tours. Various locations. historicschools.org 830-997-5116

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 9 Professional Bull Riders Forty of the PBR's best riders and some of the crankiest bulls around make this a must-see event. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Dr. gillespiefair.com 830-997-2359

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 15-17 Trade Days Shop more 400 vendors in seven barns, with acres of antiques, a Biergarten, live music, and more. Sunday Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com 830-990-4900

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 16 Historic Wrede School Open House This former country school, which is listed in the National Register of Historic

Places, will be open for visits and tours. Historic Wrede School, 3828 Texas 16. historicschools.org 830-997-5116

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 16 Nimitz Foundation Symposium "Behind the Wire: POWs and Internees" will feature internationally recognized scholars, authors, historians, and veterans. Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 US 87. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600 ext. 205

FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 17 Historic Lower South Grape Creek School Open House This former country school, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, will be open for visits and tours. Historic Lower South Grape Creek School, 10273 U.S. 290. historicschools.org 830-997-5116

GRUENE: Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Friday Afternoon Club A Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 19th year, where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals, and drifters mix it up to start their weekend rite (pun intended). This quintessential Friday happy hour celebrates the warmer weather with great beer prices, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com

GRUENE: Sept. 9 Gruene 10K Participants enjoy a leisurely or competitive run through the Texas Hill Country with medals for each age group. All participants can enjoy post race music at Gruene Hall with food and beer. Sponsored by the New Braunfels Running Club and benefiting a local charity. Gruene Historic District. gruenetexas.com or athleteguild.com 830-708-2991

GRUENE: Sept. 10 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel

brunch, this event serves awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet catered by the Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-629-5077

GRUENE: Sept. 16-17 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. Gruene Historic District. gruenemarketdays.com 830-832-1721

GRUENE: Sept. 21 Come and Taste It A featured winemaker showcases three of its newest released, top-selling, or hardest-to-find wines, alongside a craft brew hand-picked by The Grapevine staff. The complimentary tastings are held on the patio and garden. Samples of food that is offered for sale will be provided, and each event features live music and prize giveaways. The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. grapevinegruene.com 830-606-0093

HARPER: Sept. 1-2 Frontier Days Celebration The 53rd annual event includes a parade, rodeo, dance, roping and barrel racing, kids fishing contest, washer pitching, 42 tournament, and more. Harper Community Park, 23478 US 290. harpercommunitypark.org 830-864-5048

INGRAM: Aug. 18-Sep. 15 "Color, Value, and Hue" Exhibit focuses on understanding the uses of color in art. Open to all media. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5121

JOHNSON CITY: Sept. 15-16 We Got Yer Goat Barbecue Cookoff This annual fundraiser held by the Johnson City Education Foundation raises scholarship funds for graduating seniors. The two-day event includes a goat cookoff, washer tournament, food and merchandise booths, and games for children at the

Kids Corral. Trophies and cash prizes are awarded to the top cooks, and attendees can also enter to win multiple raffle prizes. Blanco County Fairgrounds, 619 US 281. lbjcountry.com 830-868-7684

JOHNSON CITY: Sept. 23 Art Walk Galleries and shops are open for viewing and wine tasting from 4 to 8 p.m. Nugent Avenue. lbjcountry.com 830-868-7684

JOHNSON CITY: Sept. 23-24 Market Days Local artisans and craftsmen sell their wares. City Park, US 290 and Avenue G. lbjcountry.com 830-868-7684

JUNCTION: Sept. 1-2 Barbecue Cookoff This annual Labor Day celebration offers relaxing fun, food, and entertainment for all ages with all interests. The event is held along the banks of the Llano River underneath the cool shade of age-old pecan trees, and features music and arts and crafts in addition to the cookoff. Junction City Park. junctiontexas.com 325-446-3190

JUNCTION: Sept. 1-2 Kayak/Canoe Up and Back Race Boating enthusiasts will paddle up the South Llano River approximately 14.5 miles to the first crossing, flip around, and paddle back to Junction for a round-trip of approximately 30 miles. Prizes will be awarded with a cash grand prize drawing. All who finish the race will be eligible to place their name in the hat for the cash grand prize. Junction City Park. junctiontexas.com 325-446-6565

KERRVILLE: Aug. 18-Sep. 3 "Making God Laugh" A new comedy by Sean Grennan. Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. playhouse2000.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: Aug. 24-Sep. 24 "Photoquest" Hill Country Camera Clubs' annual judged show.



FALL EVENTS

September 2
Up & Back Kayak/
Canoe Race

September 1-2
Arts/Crafts/Music

October 20-22
Oktoberfest Fly Fishing
Festival

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Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kaccckerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Sept. 1-Oct. 5 "Homage" Combined works in multimedia by artists Phyllis and Douglas Garey. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kaccckerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Sept. 1 First Friday Wine Share A fun way to meet new or different wines, people, and places of business or art. Please bring no more than one bottle of wine per every two people. Singles may feel free to bring a bottle every other month. Try to find the themed bottle of the month (if you can't, just default to your favorite). Finger foods are always welcome. Bring your own wine glass—which could be a conversation starter in itself. firstfridaywineshare.com 830-896-6600

KERRVILLE: Sept. 1-3 Kerrville Fall Music Festival This annual three-day event combines camping, music, and the best Texas wines and beers. Quiet Valley Ranch, 3876 Medina Highway. kerrville-music.com 830-257-3600

KERRVILLE: Sept. 1-24 Photoquest Hill Country Camera Club's annual judged show. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kaccckerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Sept. 2 Hill Country Swap Meet A giant community garage sale, flea market, and trade days all-in-one. Buy or sell new, used, antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, knives, books, furniture, tools, clothing, kitchen and household items, and more. Concessions on-site and lots of free parking. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-459-6198

KERRVILLE: Sept. 2 Kerr County Market Days An indoor marketplace for vendors of original hand-crafted goods, artwork, and home-grown plants and produce. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-895-7524

KERRVILLE: Sept. 9-10 Run for Riverside 5K The third annual 5K run/walk on the Kerrville River Trail. Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. riversidenaturecenter.org 830-257-4837

KERRVILLE: Sept. 9-10 Texas Gun and Knife Show New and used guns, knives, gold and silver coins, jewelry, camping gear, military supplies, and several businesses under one roof. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. texasgunandknifeshows.com 830-285-0575

KERRVILLE: Sept. 16 "The Party" at the Museum of Western Art The 34th annual art sale and exhibition offers fun, food, art, live auction, and music. Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. museumofwesternart.com 830-895-2553

KERRVILLE: Sept. 16-17 Hill Country Gun Show Shop from approximately 70 vendors. Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadowview Lane. 830-315-3101

KERRVILLE: Sept. 23-24 Kerrville Triathlon Festival Run, bike, and swim. Since it's start, more than 6,000 participants have crossed the finish line to collect their medals. The event features eight different distance events, including a free kids run. Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Dr. kerrvilletri.com 512-953-5585

KERRVILLE: Sept. 29 Texas Heritage Music Day and Community Concert A free educational, community event featuring singer-songwriters, a tribute to Jimmie Rodgers, and an evening concert. Schreiner University, 2100 Memorial Blvd. texasheritagemusic.org 830-792-1945

KERRVILLE: Sept. 30-Oct. 28 Guadalupe Watercolor Group Show and Sale The 24th annual event will offer more than 100 high-quality original watercolor paintings. Kerrville Arts and Culture Center, 228 Earl Garrett. guadalupewatercolorgroup.com 830-895-2911

KYLE: Sept. 9 Market Days Farmers market, homemade arts and crafts, live music and fun activities. City Square Park, 101 N. Bursleson St. cityofkyle.com/recreation 512-262-3939

LAKEHILLS: Sept. 23 Medina Lake Cajun Festival The 37th annual festival brings the food, music, and culture of Louisiana to the Texas Hill Country. Dance to Cajun and zydeco bands from Louisiana, eat authentic Cajun food prepared by volunteers, and sample gumbo in the Great Gumbo Cookoff. Lakehills Civic Center, 11225 Park Road 37. cajunfestival-medinalake.com 830-751-2727

LAMPASAS: Sept. 23 Lampasas County Wine Tour Participants will meet at Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce office for breakfast and then depart on a chartered wine tour at award-winning, beautiful Texas Hill Country wineries. Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce, 205 US 281. lampasaschamber.org 512-556-5172

LAMPASAS: Sept. 30 Trade Days Come meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Merchandise ranges from antiques,

collectibles, quilts, crafts, folk and fine art, and home furnishings. Marigold's Antiques & More, 2646 US 190. lampasastradedays.com 512-734-1294

MEDINA: Sept. 2 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 Texas 16. 830-796-3045

NEW BRAUNFELS: Sept. 26-Oct. 1 Comal County Fair The largest county fair in Texas features a barbecue cookoff the weekend prior, a parade through historic downtown New Braunfels, a PRCA rodeo, bull riding, pig racing, a livestock show, carnival games and rides, and food of all kinds. Comal County Fairgrounds, 701 E. Common St. comalcountyfair.org 830-625-1505

NEW BRAUNFELS: Sept. 29-Oct. 1 River Revival Music Festival A collaboration between Houston-based Splice Records and St. Arnold's Brewery, the annual fest was created as a place for music lovers to share good times, great tunes, and camaraderie, all while enjoying the beauty Texas nature has to offer alongside the mighty Guadalupe River. KL Ranch Camp-On the River, 5455 River Road. splicerecordstx.com/events/river-revival

SAN MARCOS: Sept. 9 SMTX Pride The community unites in a positive stance against violence and discrimination toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual people and their allies. The goal is to bring awareness of unity and equality while building a community of support. Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Pkwy. smtxpride.org

SAN MARCOS: Sept. 15 Mermaid Society Ball The second annual event, held at the headwaters of the San Marcos River, will feature glass bottom boat tours, dining, dancing, specialty cocktails, live

music, the crowning of the Society's Mermaid Queen and her court, and art infused performances by local artists. River chic and other creative dress is highly encouraged. The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, 201 San Marcos Springs Dr. mermaidsocietysmtx.com 512-825-2819

SAN MARCOS: Sept. 16 Mermaid Parade and Aqua Festival The second annual event offers a parade downtown with floats, music, the newly crowned Mermaid Queen and her court, and pictures with mermaids. Afterward, the festival at San Marcos Plaza Park offers environmental and conservation presentations, a local art market, and a variety of hands-on art-inspired workshops for all ages. Downtown San Marcos and Plaza Park, 206 N C M Allen Pkwy. mermaidsocietysmtx.com 512-825-2819

SAN SABA: Sept. 17 Pecan Capital Street Dance XII The annual Pecan Capital Homecoming Street Dance, featuring the Cornell Hurd Band, is free to the public. Courthouse Square, 500 E. Wallace. visitsansabatexas.com 325-372-8291

SPICEWOOD: Sept. 22 Matt Wilson Band in Concert Spicewood Arts Society's new season begins with this musician, the "Piano Man" in the first national tour of Billy Joel and Twyla Tharp's award-winning musical "Movin' Out." The Austin-based singer-songwriter's deep catalog of soul, rock, and gospel bubbles with joy. Wear your dancing shoes. Spicewood Arts Society, 9807 Texas 71. spicewoodarts.org 512-264-2820

UTOPIA: Sept. 21-23 Utopiafest This three day music and camping festival features performances by the Wheeler Brothers, Elephant Revival, Mobley, Sid

Fly, and more. 1555 Lemond Road. utopiafest.com 512-496-2798

UVALDE: Sept. 1-3 PalominoFest and Pro Rodeo Labor Day Weekend Celebration Enjoy live music, a carnival, food booths, and a rodeo. 215 Veterans Lane. uvaldecountyfairplex.com 830-591-9040

UVALDE: Sept. 7 Bark in the Park Dress up your pets for a fun-filled day. Uvalde Memorial Park, 379-443 E. Main St. visituvalde.com 830-934-2732

UVALDE: Sept. 8 Four Square Friday Late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. Historic Downtown Uvalde. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

UVALDE: Sept. 23 Dove Expo Includes a fishing tank for kids, vendors, and a shotgun raffle. Oasis Outback, 2900 E. Main St. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

WIMBERLEY: Sept. 1-24 "The Winter's Tale" Performed in the Burdine Johnson Indoor Studio Theatre. EmilyAnn Theatre & Gardens, 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

WIMBERLEY: Sept. 2 Market Day Walk along a shaded path to discover treasures of all sorts and enjoy lots of great food and live music. Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. shopmarketdays.com 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: Sept. 8-Oct. 1 "Making God Laugh" Sean Grennan's dramedy follows 30 years with the same family as they celebrate the holidays, squabble over family issues, and avoid eating the dreaded fantasia dip. What ensues is an equal mix of light-hearted humor and a poignant look at the many changes we encounter as we age. Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. wimberleyplayers.org 512-847-0575

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Oct. 7 1'm Only Half Crazy Half Marathon/5k



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Oct. 21 Crazy Fossil Dig



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ABILENE: Sept. 17-23 West Texas Book Festival
Sponsored by Friends of the Abilene Public Library, the 17th annual festival features presentations and workshops with local and regional authors, a cookbook gala, and the Boots & Books Luncheon with a special guest speaker. Presentations are held throughout the week and all day Saturday. Abilene Public Library and Abilene Convention Center, 202 Cedar St. and 1100 N. Sixth St. abilenetx.com 325-676-6017

ABILENE: Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Big Country Balloon Fest
The 23rd annual event includes hot air balloons, live entertainment, children's games and inflatable rides, a silent auction, food and craft vendors, and a balloon glow on Friday and Saturday nights. Red Bud Park, 3125 S. 32nd St. hotairballoon.com/big-country-balloon-fest 325-795-0995

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3 "Cell Series: Kelly O'Connor"
Widely acclaimed exhibition series presents the work of living artists within the "challenging" upper galleries of the historic 1877 jail structure. Sustaining the passion of the OJAC founders in supporting and exhibiting contemporary artists, visitors encounter works by artists that attempt to interpret and translate the world we universally experience with often surprising and enlightening results. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3, 2018 "Ronald Watson"
Ronald Watson utilizes strict systems of order, an artist's intuition, and the viewers' perception to construct complex and intriguing sculptures with acute attention to detail and craftsmanship. Watson's work conveys a sense of stability in a world that is perceived to be in a state of chaos. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3, 2018 "Texas Moderns: Bill Bomar"
The fourth in a series of fall exhibitions focusing on artists active in mid- to late-20th century Texas. Often associated with the artists of the Fort Worth Circle, Bomar was also an art collector, supporter of other artists, and one of the founders of the Old Jail Art Center. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

AMARILLO: July 14-Oct. 1 "Biennial 600: Architecture"
The seventh in an ongoing series of juried biennial exhibitions exploring specific areas of artistic practice, material, and/or content. This year's event focuses on architects and artists working at the intersection of art and architecture. This exhibit will be juried by Rand Elliott, FAIA, or Elliott + Associates Architects in Oklahoma City. Amarillo Museum of Art, 2200 S. Van Buren St. amarilloart.org 806-371-5050

AMARILLO: Aug. 1-Oct. 14 America's Horse in Art Show
This exhibit brings together top Western artists who collectively create a view of the American Quarter Horse and its place in America's heart. American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum, 2601 1-40 E. aqha.com/museum 806-376-5181

AMARILLO: Aug. 25-Sep. 2 AQHA World Championship Show
At American Quarter Horse Association's

championship, top senior competitors (age 50 and older) and their American Quarter Horses run through a variety of equine events to determine the winners. Amarillo National Center, 3301 SE 10th Ave. aqha.com 806-376-4811

AMARILLO: Sept. 2 Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo
One of the keys to turning around the lives of at-risk children is finding positive ways for them to experience a sense of adventure. Each Labor Day weekend, Boys Ranch welcomes thousands of visitors to enjoy an authentic Western barbecue lunch and exciting rodeo action. Youth compete in events like mutton busting, bronc riding, and barrel racing. A relatively new feature is a family-centric festival with games, fun, food, and souvenirs. Boys Ranch, 8 Julian Bivins Blvd. calfarley.org/rodeo 800-687-3722

AMARILLO: Sept. 15-23 Tri-State Fair and Rodeo
This favorite family celebration in the Texas Panhandle includes livestock shows, a carnival, and a PRCA rodeo. Tri-State Fairgrounds, 3301 SE 10th Ave. tristatefair.com 806-376-7767

BIG SPRING: Sept. 9 Comanche Warrior Triathlon
Compete in a 500-meter swim, 18-mile bike ride, and 5K run. Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Dr. permianbasinevents.com

BIG SPRING: Sept. 28-30 Howard County Fair
Event features a carnival, vendors, music, cooking demos, and more. Howard County Fair Grounds. hcfair.org

BIG SPRING: Sept. 30 Clay Walker in Concert
Presented by Franklin and Son Tires and VIP Sports Getaway. Opening act is Deryl Dodd. Howard County Rodeo Bowl, 1205 Robin St. 432-264-5110

CANYON: Through Feb. 24, 2018 "When Georgia Was Here"
Drawn from the PPHM's art collection and from public and private collections nationwide, the exhibition will present a new perspective on American art contemporaneous with Georgia O'Keefe's time at WTAMU 1916 and 1918. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. panhandleplains.org

CHILDRESS: Sept. 23 Chamber Golf Tournament
Support the local chamber by participating in this annual event featuring a four-person scramble. Stonery-Ridge Golf Course, 910 FM 2530. 940-937-2481

DALHART: Sept. 2, 16 The Purpose Market—Support our Schools
A seasonal open-air market, with farmers, artisans, chefs, and vendors sharing their passions and purposes, including fresh produce, quality handmade goods, delicious foods and treats, and mission-driven products from around the world. Sept. 2 event supports local schools. Purpose Coffee Co., 324 Rock Island. thepurposemarket.com 806-249-0099

DALHART: Sept. 16 Relay for Life
The event will kick off by celebrating everyone who's been affected by cancer. Whether someone's been diagnosed for 10 days or been cancer-free for 10 years, they gather together for the crowd to cheer them on. relay.acsevents.org 806-244-5646

LUBBOCK: Sept. 8-10 National Cowboy Symposium
The 29th annual celebration preserves Western heritage and cowboy culture with entertainers, writers, horse-handling, and more. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. cowboy.org 806-798-7825

LUBBOCK: Sept. 8-Oct. 29 West Texas Watercolor Society Fall Show
Fall exhibition and sale of beautiful water media art works by members of West Texas

Watercolor Society. Legacy Event Center, 1500 14th St. wtws.org 806-794-4655

LUBBOCK: Sept. 9 Apple Butter Festival
Apple slingshots, live music, a petting zoo, barbecue, and more. The Orchard, 12206 US 62. theorchardtexas.com 806-892-2961

LUBBOCK: Sept. 14 McPherson Patio Nights
Enjoy award-winning wine, live music, and a local food truck on McPherson's patio. McPherson Patio Nights, 1615 Texas Ave. mcpersoncellars.com 806-687-9463

LUBBOCK: Sept. 22-30 Panhandle South Plains Fair
One of Lubbock's greatest annual events complete with rides, agriculture, animals, and fair food. Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds, U.S. 82 Frontage Road. southplainsfair.com 806-763-2833

MEMPHIS: Sept. 15-16 Hall County Picnic and Reunion
On Friday, enjoy hamburgers at noon on the square. Vendors will be on the square all day Saturday, plus a parade is that morning, a meal on the square takes place that evening, and a street dance on the square ends the day. Memphis City Square, 512 Main St. memphistxchamberofcommerce.com 806-259-3144 or 806-681-1281

POSTOAK: Sept. 29-30 Busy Bee Quilt Show
Quilts on display, door prizes, craft items, a donation quilt, and a trash and treasure sale. Post Oak Community Center, Schmittou and Parsonage roads. postoakquilters.com 940-567-2771

QUANAH: Sept. 9 Fall Festival
Enjoy arts and crafts, museum tours, sidewalk sales, kids activities, entertainment, food, and games, plus a car, tractor, and truck show. Courthouse Square. 940-663-2222

RANGER: Sept. 16 Roaring Ranger Parade and Festival
This year's parade theme will be "Calm Before The Storm." The eighth annual event is held immediately afterward and attracts some 2,000 people. Downtown Main Street and Bargsley Park. 254-647-3340 or 254-653-7540

SAN ANGELO: July 20-Sept. 24 Critical Angles: Featuring the Work of Cathy Cunningham Little
Texas artist who uses neon as her primary medium. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: July 20-Sept. 24 Paintings and Sculpture by Jimmy Don Cox
An exhibit featuring the artwork of this cowboy, sculptor, and painter of Western art. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 3 Chamber Music Series Concert
Begins at 2 p.m. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 8-9 Cowboy Gathering
An annual meeting celebrates the cowboy way of life and western swing music, all to benefit a local nonprofit. Wells Fargo Pavilion, 200 W. 43rd St. sanangelocowboygathering.com 325-653-7785

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 9 Family Day Fiesta!
Includes hands-on art activities. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 16 Riverfest
A fun-filled day for families, friends, and community members to come together and enjoy the beautiful riverwalk downtown. Festivities include the Wacky Rad River Race, a sand volleyball tournament, a golf tournament, a free family concert, a cookoff, a flag football tournament, a river raft race, and a washer-pitching tournament. Downtown San Angelo

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SAN ANGELO: Sept. 21 Downtown Stroll Free admission to the museum during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 23 Archaeology Fair at National Museum Day Free day at Fort Concho with the annual archaeology fair, many crafts and children's activities, living history, and demonstrations. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. fortconcho.com 325-234-0316

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 23 Lilyfest See more waterlilies on display than at any other botanical garden in the U.S. There will be tours, seminars, a plant sale, food, and entertainment on-site as well. The International Waterlily Collection, Civic League Park, 1000 W. Beauregard Ave. internationalwaterlilycollection.com 832-274-3377

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 23 National Museum Day Free admission to the museum during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Lucas Oil Drag Boat Race Series Showdown For racing fans around the country, nothing satisfies their urge for speed and raw horsepower like this racing series. This now united sport allows more than 900 teams to run for one national championship; each national event spotlights several pro classes highlighted by the Top Fuel Hydro class. Lake Nasworthy Marina & RV Park, 2680 Camper Road. lucasoildragboats.com 951-870-6381

WICHITA FALLS: Sept. 12-16 Texas Oklahoma Fair Fair food is offered on the lighted Midway with exciting rides and games. On military night, all military personnel and their families are admitted free. Free admission to the livestock shows will be featured each evening and all day Saturday. All creative arts will be displayed through Saturday night inside the Exhibit Hall. MPEC, 1000 Fifth St. founderlionsclub.com/texas-oklahoma-fair 940-720-2999

WICHITA FALLS: Sept. 22-23 "Quilting in the Falls" Quilt Show Quilts on display. Multi-Purpose Event Center, 1000 Fifth St. wichitafallsquiltguild.org

WICHITA FALLS: Sept. 23-25 Top of Texas Market Presented by Wichita County Heritage Society, more than 50 vendors will be displaying a wide variety of items, including art, pottery, clothing, leather goods, furniture, gourmet foods, candles, books, kitchen items, cookware, antiques, and more. There will also be demonstrations and taste testing. Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall B, 1000 Fifth St. topoftexasmarket.com 940-723-0623

PINEY WOODS

BULLARD: Sept. 8 ETX Music Awards The sixth-annual event celebrates all major music genres in Texas, including country, rock, blues, tejano, jazz, and more. Recipients of the ETX Music Award from previous years include Don Henley, Kidd Kraddick, Neal McCoy, and notable regional acts like Kadie Lynn. KE Bushman's Celebration Center, 1565 FM 2493. etxmusic.com 936-332-4777

CARTHAGE: Sept. 28 Texas Country Music Awards Presented by the Texas Country Music Association, all awards are fan nominated and voted. A special Trailblazer tribute award will be presented to TCMA spokesperson Mark Chesnutt, who will also be performing at the awards ceremony as well as Doug Supernaw, Bri Bagwell, Del Way, and event host Brandon Rhyder. Carthage Civic Center, 1702 S. Adams at SW Loop. texascountrymusic.org 903-472-8008

DE KALB: Sept. 30 Saturday in the Park The kickoff to De Kalb's Oktoberfest celebration, this day in the park will offer games, contests, a Stick Horse Derby, a chili cookoff, an ice cream social, vendors, and plenty of fun to be had by the whole family. City Park. dekalbtexasoktoberfest.com 903-306-9112

GLADEWATER: Sept. 16-17 Arts and Crafts Festival The 44th annual event offers art, woodcrafts, handcrafts, ceramics, dolls, needlework, jewelry, clothing, homemade goodies, and the Lee Library book sale. Broadway School Grounds, 200 E. Broadway. gladewaterartsandcrafts.com 903-845-5501

HENDERSON: Sept. 9-10, 16-17 "Leading Ladies" When Jack and Leo, two English Shakespearean actors, hear an old lady is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, the actors resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. Hilarity ensues when it turns out the relatives are actually nieces. Things get even more complicated when Leo falls madly in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, who's engaged to the local minister. Henderson Civic Theater, 122 E. Main St. hendersoncivictheatre.org 903-657-2968

HUNTSVILLE: Sept. 16-17 Antique Show Dealers from across the country bring their latest finds, including sterling jewelry, antiques, and collectibles of all kinds. More than 2,000 shoppers return every year. Get first pick from these dealers before they head off to Round Top and Warrenton for the fall shows. Walker County Fairgrounds, 3925 Texas 30. huntsvilleantiqueshow.com 936-295-4162

JASPER: Sept. 9 Jasper Remembers 9/11 The annual event pays honor and respect to fallen heroes of 9/11 as well as Texas fallen military heroes who have died since 9/11. In 2016, the city received a piece of steel from Ground Zero in New York City and installed it in a granite 9/11 Memorial located on the west side of the County Courthouse Square. Jasper is one of only three sites in Texas with a piece of Ground Zero steel on display. Jasper County Courthouse Square, Lamar and Main Street. 409-489-4800

JEFFERSON: Sept. 1-2, 15-16 Flea Market Shop for new and antique items, arts and crafts, garage-sale items, furniture, fixtures, books, dishes, office supplies and more. Jefferson Flea Market, 213 W. Broadway St. jeffersonfleamarket.net 903-431-0043

LIBERTY: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Liberty Opry Enjoy live, family-oriented, musical entertainment, with a different theme every Saturday. Gospel, country, '50s and '60s old-time rock 'n' roll, classic oldies, specialty shows, and comedy on every show. Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. libertyopry.com 936-336-5830

LUFKIN: Sept. 14 Riders in the Sky Be thoroughly entertained by America's favorite cowboys. For more than 30 years, Riders in the Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry, and Roy Rogers. While remaining true to the integrity of Western music, they have become modern day icons by branding the genre with their own legendary wacky humor

and encouraging buckaroos and buckarettas to live life the "Cowboy Way." The Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. thepines.visitlufkin.com 936-633-0359

LUFKIN: Sept. 20-24 Texas State Forest Festival Held on and off since 1938, the festival now draws crowds approaching 30,000 and generates a net profit of \$60,000 per year—a tremendous accomplishment for a 31-year-old event. It continues to be one of the premier annual events in East Texas. George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center, 1200 Ellen Trout Dr. texasstateforestfestival.com 936-634-6644

LUFKIN: Sept. 21 Chris Botti in Concert The artist's ongoing association with PBS has led to four No. 1 jazz albums. Performing worldwide as many as 300 days per year and selling more than four million albums, the trumpeter has found a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre. Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. angelinaarts.org 936-633-5454

LUFKIN: Sept. 24 "Moon Mouse—A Space Odyssey" Lightwire Theater is proud to present this cosmic adventure about celebrating differences. Join Marvin the Mouse on the space adventure of a lifetime: a trip to the surface of the moon on his homemade rocket where he meets a strange cast of misfit creatures, learns of infinite peril, and views awesome beauty. Temple Theater—Angelina Arts Alliance, 3500 S. First St. angelinaarts.org 936-633-5454

MAGNOLIA: Sept. 23 Stroll thru The Renaissance Free admission to an exclusive Texas Renaissance Festival preview. Visit actors of the festival for photo ops and more. Costume contests for all ages, where the King and Queen award prizes. The Stroll, FM 1488 and FM 1774. cityofmagnolia.com 713-542-4358

MARSHALL: Sept. 2, 9 Market on the Square The Harrison County Farmers Market has been proudly serving the community for 50 years, recently joining forces with the Marshall Main Street Program. Newly relocated to the Courthouse Square, the market will feature special events and entertainment as well as locally crafted goods. 1 Peter Whetstone Sq. 703-702-7777

MARSHALL: Sept. 16 Jeanns 'n Classics Concert The 12th annual event will have the theme "Shaken Not Stirred...The Music of James Bond." The Jeans 'n Classics Band will be playing and singing with members of the Marshall Symphony Orchestra. Downtown Marshall, 200 Block of North Washington Street. marshallartsCouncil.org 903-935-4484

MONTGOMERY: Sept. 23 Woodforest Craft Fest The second-annual beer festival will allow craft beer lovers to sample a range of locally produced creations while enjoying music by Willow Creek Junction, food trucks, and family-friendly activities. Christine Allen Nature Park, 5831 Woodforest Pkwy. woodforesttx.com 972-415-6002

MOUNT PLEASANT: Sept. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 Canterbury Renaissance Festival of Northeast Texas This family-friendly educational festival re-enacts the time period of Henry the Eighth and his final wife Catherine Parr. Enjoy jousting, music, belly dancing, a kid's area, and more. 554 CR 3325. canterburytx.com 903-305-9239

PALESTINE: Through Oct. 31 Art Tracks These are the latest installation of sculptures in an annual display throughout downtown Palestine. Brochures with locations and names are available at the Palestine Visitor's Center and Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce. The Redlands Historic Inn, 400 N. Queen St. visitpalestine.com 903-729-6066

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PALESTINE: Sept. 14 Dogwood Jamboree—Autumn Country A Branson-style music show filled with family fun, laughter, and great classic country music from some of the best artist anywhere. Recall some of the golden hits in country music as they're performed live on stage. Palestine Civic Center, 1819 W. Spring St. dogwoodjamboree.com 903-729-7080

PALESTINE: Sept. 23 Comino 205 Cyclists of all abilities can enjoy a unique ride of 100k and 25, 105, and 205 miles of gravel and rural paved roads through beautiful countryside. The area offers more cows than cars, forested hills, bucolic vistas, and adventurous routes. Historic Oldtown Palestine, 301 Crawford St. camino205.com 903-723-3014

SILSBEE: Sept. 22-23 Cruise'n Silsbee Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show Thousands of spectators come for family-friendly entertainment at one of the largest nonprofit vehicle shows in the state. On Friday night, enjoy a free live concert with food vendors. The main car show on Saturday features a live DJ as some 150 cars, trucks, and motorcycles show off their skills for door prizes and raffles throughout the day. Enjoy a large assortment of food vendors, arts and crafts booths, and contests; after the awards show, a police-escorted parade of cars will roll through town. Kirby Memorial Stadium, 1005 N. Seventh. cruisensilsbee.com 409-673-0921

TEXARKANA: Sept. 16 Science of Buoyancy and Layering Learn about density, weight, and volume in a fun way. Stack different liquids to learn the science behind weight, mass, and density. Why do some liquids mix and others don't? What makes these liquids stack and stay separated? Why do certain objects float at different levels? Discovery Place Interactive Museum, 215 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TEXARKANA: Sept. 23 Watercolor Galaxies Explore multifaceted earth and space kits in the new science and astrology exhibit area. Create watercolor or acrylic galaxies and moons to take home. Discovery Place Interactive Museum, 215 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TRINITY: Sept. 29-30 Trinity Community Fair and Youth Livestock Auction This old-fashioned free fair offers exhibits such as quilting; needlecrafts; canning; fine arts and school arts including metal and building trades; a carnival, livestock judging and auction; a parade, bands, and assorted vendors. Trinity Community Center, 806 S. Robb St. facebook.com/trinitycommunityfair 936-662-5082

TYLER: Sept. 27-30 Downtown Tyler Film Festival A celebration of storytelling through film in East Texas. Short films from all around the world are shown, but there's a special fondness for local independent works. Liberty Hall, 103 E. Erwin St. tylerfilmfest.com 903-593-6905

WINNSBORO: Sept. 2 Classic Cruise-In Enjoy live '50s music as classic cars and trucks compete for prizes including Best in Show and Best in Drive. Winnsboro Depot, 100 E. Broadway. winnsboro.com 903-342-3666 or 903-975-4115

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: Sept. 14-17 Oktoberfest More than 70,000 people who share a love of polka, German food, and the same Paulaner beer served at Bavaria's favorite festival are expected to attend this authentic Oktoberfest celebration. Enjoy fun contests such as dachshund

racers, beer barrel bowling, a German Idol yodeling contest, a German spelling bee, and more. Guests wanting a more intimate experience can register to dine at the Chamberlain's Brau Haus, full-service Bavarian dining with an exclusive menu. Addison Circle Park, 4950 Addison Circle Dr. addisonoktoberfest.com 800-233-4766

ALVARADO: Sept. 2-9 Pioneers and Old Settlers Reunion At the 125th annual event, enjoy a parade, carnival, queen contest, baby contest, fiddle contest, music, car show, vendors, and more. Pioneer and Old Settlers Facility, 111 Reunion Dr. alvaradopubliclibrary.org 817-538-2337 or 817-790-2480

ARLINGTON: Sept. 2 Advocare Classic The University of Michigan plays against the University of Florida to kick off the college football season. AT&T Stadium, 1 AT&T Way. attstadium.com 817-892-4000

ARLINGTON: Sept. 21-24 Frame 4 Frame Festival The second annual festival brings together art, film, music, and fun to downtown Arlington. Various locations. frame4frame.org

ARLINGTON: Sept. 23-Oct. 29 Six Flags Over Texas' Fright Fest The annual frightening festival is back for the Halloween season with horrific thrills. Six Flags Over Texas, 2201 Road to Six Flags. sixflags.com/overtexas 817-640-8900

BASTROP: Sept. 2 Colorado River 100 Considered one of the most difficult endurance events Texas has to offer, this year's race will include opportunities for paddlers to compete in one of three classes: Competitive, Adventure and for the first time a Youth class. Fisherman's Park, 1200 Wilson St. coloradoriver100.com 512-303-0558

BASTROP: Sept. 9 YMCA Burning Pine Run Those who take part in this run help those who would not otherwise be able to participate because of financial limitations. At the same time, participants are helping to provide funding for new trees to replace what was lost in the 2011 wildfire that destroyed 97 percent of the trees in Bastrop State Park. Bastrop State Park, 3005 Texas 21. burningpinerun.com 512-321-9622

BEDFORD: Sept. 1-3 Blues and Barbecue Festival Music lovers with an appetite for tasty blues and mouthwatering barbecue will find this festival a feast for the senses. The three-day event returns with blues legends Delbert McClinton and Buddy Guy, plus a barbecue cookoff. Bedford City Hall Complex, 1951 L. Don Dodson Dr. bedfordbluesfest.com 817-952-2128

BELLVILLE: Sept. 2 Market Day on the Square Arts, crafts, antiques, and collectibles in addition to great food and live entertainment in a relaxing atmosphere. Vendors set up their wares around the historic courthouse square. Historic Downtown Bellville, Main Street. bellville.com 979-865-3407

BELLVILLE: Sept. 23 Austin County Fair Shrimp Boil and Kickoff Dance All-you-can-eat shrimp with all the trimming including sausage, corn, and potatoes. Also enjoy live and silent auctions, a happy hour, and a dance. Austin County Fair Convention & Expo Center, 1076 E. Hill St. austincountyfair.com 979-865-5995

BONHAM: Sept. 23 Farming Heritage Day Celebrate farming history during this free annual event. Take part in educational, hands-on activities such as butter churning and weaving; check out livestock, antique tractors, and a cotton ginning demonstration. Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site, 890 Texas 56. visitsamrayburnhouse.com 903-583-5558

BRYAN: Sept. 22-23 Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Show The theme for this judged quilt show is "Reach For The Stars." There will be a wide assortment of quilt categories, from traditional to art quilts, as well as vendor booths, wearable art displays, quilt appraisals, and more. Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr. bbqq.org 409-767-1707

BRYAN: Sept. 22-24 Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival Started in 2007 as a celebration of two of the largest industries in Texas: beef and wine. Head to historic Downtown Bryan to sample more than 25 Texas wineries, 15 Texas breweries, craft vendors, artists, live music, and steak. Downtown Bryan. texasredsfestival.com 979-822-4920

BUFFALO: Sept. 9 Babecue Cookoff This barbecue cookoff is sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society. Shelly Pate Park, 941 Hill St. 903-322-5810

BUFFALO: Sept. 16 Buffalo Stampede This parade and festival will feature vendors, an auction, a raffle, kids games, live music, and a dance. Harriman Park, 250 Harriman Park Road. 903-322-5810

BURLESON: Sept. 4 Labor Day Car Show Offering 55 awards, this classic car show is free and open to the public. Push it, pull it, or tow it in, and they will register you. Proceeds from the car show go to D&D Rockin' Rods Family and Friends Christmas for Kids. All events subject to weather conditions. 925 N. Burleson Blvd. drockinrods.com 817-797-1197

BURTON: Sept. 22-30 LaBahia Antique Show Dealers across the country will provide antiques, collectibles, vintage, and repurpose items at show. Free admission and parking. LaBahia Hall, 550 Texas 237. labahiaantiques.com 979-289-2684

CALDWELL: Sept. 2 Free Wine Tasting Enjoy three free tastings of fine Texas wines on the first Saturday of the month. Royalty Pecan Farms, 10600 Texas 21. royaltypecans.com 979-272-3904

CLEBURNE: Sept. 1-9 "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" It's October, 1945, and the gospel-singing Sanders family is back together again where it all started, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, where the Reverend Oglethorpe is leading his last service. Join the Sanders family as they send Mervin and June off to Texas in style, with story and song. Lots of that old-timey bluegrass gospel music, and the poignant humorous characters that we have all grown to love. Plaza Theatre, 111 S. Main St. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

CLEBURNE: Sept. 9 Duane Durrett in Concert with Sandra Kaye The veteran jazz drummer and band-leader teams up with the Dallas diva for an evening of jazz standards. Songbird Live!, 210 E. Henderson. songbirdlive.com 817-489-4840

CLEBURNE: Sept. 15-30, Oct. 1 "Arsenic and Old Lace" Carnegie Players present this classic play. A drama critic learns on his wedding day that his beloved maiden aunts are homicidal maniacs, and that insanity runs in his family. Performing Arts Center, 1501 W. Henderson. carnegieplayers.org 682-317-3644

CLEBURNE: Sept. 15-30, Oct. 5-7 "Treasure Island" Plaza Theatre Company presents this stunning yarn of piracy on the tropical seas. At the center of it all is Jim Hawkins, a 14-year-old boy who longs for adventure, and the infamous Long John Silver, who is a complex study of good and evil, perhaps the most famous hero-villain of all time. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

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Nov. 18 • CaillouxTheater.com

CLEBURNE: Sept. 23 Colin Boyd in Concert The singer-songwriter and guitarist performs all across Texas. His songs have been recorded by Jack Ingram, Carrie Underwood, Kristen Garner, Domestic Science Club, Monte Warden Sara Hickman, and Barney the Dinosaur. Songbird Live!, 210 E. Henderson. songbird.com 817-489-4840

CLEBURNE: Sept. 30 Wine Festival The annual event features Texas wineries, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, art displays, a car show, and live entertainment. Depot at Cleburne Station, 1906 Brazzell Blvd. thecluburnewinefestival.com 214-402-3597

CLIFTON: Sept. 9-23 Bosque Art Classic The national art show and sale, sponsored by the BAC Art Council, always features outstanding representational/realistic work by veteran and up-and-coming artists. The 32nd annual event opens with a show, dinner, awards ceremony, and sale Sept. 9. This year's Classic is judged by Teal Blake, member of the Cowboy Artists of America. Reservations are needed for opening night. The works will remain on display free to the public through Sept. 23. Bosque Arts Center, 215 S. College Hill Dr. bosqueartscenter.org 254-675-3724

COLLEGE STATION: Through Jan. 8, 2018 "The Legacy of Ranching: Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future" Through diversification in agribusiness, the discovery of oil and gas, or success in other business ventures, the families who built Texas' historic ranches survived. The exhibit will highlight examples of historic Texas ranches that have endured to the present day and will provide an educational overview of how the livestock industries helped shape the state. George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, 1000 George Bush Dr. bush41.org 979-691-4000

DALLAS: Through Nov. 12 "Shaken, Stirred, Styled: The Art of the Cocktail" The Dallas Museum of Art dipped into its design collection to create a visual history of the cocktail, from 19th-century punch bowls to James Bond-worthy shakers. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. dma.org 214-922-1200

DALLAS: Feb. 11-Sep. 4 "Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed" This exhibition brings together more than 200 authentic artifacts and immersive environments to explore the astonishing accomplishments of one of the most powerful indigenous Mesoamerican civilizations, that still has millions of living descendants today. Perot Museum, 2201 N. Field St. perotmuseum.org

DALLAS: Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 Bishop Arts District Tours Sample the fun and fare of this unique neighborhood during walking tours of the eclectic and amazing Bishop Arts District. Slip into colorful galleries and shops, and stop at great eateries including one that is the pitmaster's choice for Best Barbecue in Dallas—and a place where you can make your own tableside s'mores. Veracruz Cafe, 400 N. Bishop Ave. dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997

DALLAS: Sept. 3, 9, 23 The Hidden Dallas Tour Cruise to some secret places in Dallas and check out extraordinary scenic, cultural, and architectural treasures—from giant teddy bears to hidden rooms. Discover some great neighborhoods and historic landmarks, stopping along the way for delicious snacks at "insider" culinary gems. Krispy Kreme, 5118 Greenville Ave. dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997

DALLAS: Sept. 6 Sammons Jazz Showcasing the many styles of jazz performed by top local musicians in a historic setting. Every concert consists of two sets performed by two bands. Admission includes valet parking, a light dinner, and beverages.

Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. sammonsjazz.com 214-520-7788

DALLAS: Sept. 8-10 Chocolate Festival Chocolate enthusiasts will convene for the eighth annual celebration of chocolate makers and chocolatiers. Guests are invited to meet the artisans, watch live demonstrations of the chocolate making process, and sample and shop from more than 40 vendor participants. The festival showcases nationally recognized chocolate makers as well as local talents from across Texas. Fashion Industry Gallery, 1807 Ross Ave. dallaschocolate.org 214-669-3355

DALLAS: Sept. 8 Custom Auction Gala A grand 50th celebration for TACA with cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and more. Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, 2821 Turtle Creek Blvd. taca-arts.org 214-520-3930

DALLAS: Sept. 14 Arts and Letters Live: Ken Follett The award-winning author of historic masterpieces "The Pillars of the Earth" and "World Without End" will join the Dallas Museum of Art's fall performing arts series to discuss a new novel in his epic saga, "A Column of Fire." First United Methodist Church, 1928 Ross Ave. dma.org/all 214-922-1818

DALLAS: Sept. 20-Nov. 1 Night Fever: Fashions from Funk to Disco An exhibition of fashion from the 1970s, featuring more than 75 authentic garments and accessories from this iconic decade. Curated by Ken Weber of Vintage Martini, the exhibit will feature a diverse collection of American, French, Italian, and Japanese couture designers, including work by Oscar de la Renta, Hanae Mori, Yves Saint Laurent, and Roberto Cavalli. Galleria Dallas, 13350 Dallas Pkwy. galleriadallas.com

DALLAS: Sept. 28 Tall Tales Enjoy story time on the GeO-Deck every month. Children's librarians from the Dallas Public Library will present fun for ages 2-5 who love to jump around, hear a story, and sing a song. Seating is lounge inspired and will fill quickly. Reunion Tower, 300 Reunion Blvd. reuniontower.com 214-712-7040

DALLAS: Sept. 29-Oct. 22 State Fair of Texas Celebrates all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment. With 24 consecutive days, the State Fair of Texas is the longest-running fair in the nation, as well as one of the largest—featuring unlimited shows, live music, exhibits, food, games, and rides. Fair Park, 3921 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. bigtex.com 214-565-9931

DECATUR: Sept. 2 Cruise Nights on the Courthouse Square A classic car show around the Wise County Courthouse, with stores and restaurants open late for visitors. Downtown Decatur, 101 N. Trinity St. 940-399-9558

DENTON: Sept. 9 Arts and Autos Extravaganza An annual event that lines the Downtown Denton Square with hot rods, classic and custom cars, trucks, and motorcycles. A chalk art competition is also held alongside the festival, with masterpieces beautifully displayed on sidewalks around the square. Live music, arts and crafts, local vendors, kids' games and activities, and festival food round out the festivities. Downtown Denton Square, 110 W. Hickory St. dentonmainstreet.org 940-349-8529

DENTON: Sept. 16-17 Blues Fest Enjoy blues acts in a family-friendly outdoor setting along with kid-friendly activities, delicious festival food, and arts and crafts. Quakertown Park, 321 E. McKinney St. dentonblackchamberonline.org 940-382-9100

DENTON: Sept. 30 GreenFest This regional event celebrates the Ray Roberts Greenbelt through experiential outdoor activities, live music, and good food. The festival kicks off with a bicycle rally, a 5K, and a 10K. Ray Roberts Greenbelt, Lake Ray Roberts Dam Road. friendsofthegreenbelt.org 682-365-8677

DESOTO: Sept. 28 Taste of DeSoto: Sweet and Savory A celebration of dining south of the Trinity. The event will feature family-friendly entertainment, free food, and ample opportunities to learn more about local businesses. DeSoto Civic Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road. desotochamber.org 972-224-3565

DUNCANVILLE: Sept. 23 Fourth Saturday Cultural Event Join the museum for the inspiring story of the "Recycled Orchestra of Cateura," a Paraguayan group who play instruments made entirely out of garbage. Based on a true story. Museum of International Cultures, 411 US 67. internationalmuseumofcultures.org 972-572-0462

ELGIN: Sept. 14 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in Historic Downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists and live music in many of the storefronts. Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com

ENNIS: Aug. 25-Sep. 9 "Moon Over Buffalo" A comedy about Charlotte and George Hay on tour in Buffalo in 1953 when they receive word that Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee. Unfortunately, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, jeopardizing their one last shot at stardom. Ennis Public Theatre, 113 Dallas St. ennispublictheatre.com 972-878-7529

ENNIS: Sept. 14-16 Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale Whether it's one book or one bag of books, it's worth stopping in at the annual book sale. Ennis Public Library, 501 W. Ennis Ave. ennisx.gov/library 972-875-5360

FAIRFIELD: Sept. 9 Show of Wheels More than 30 judged classes and awards in multiple categories—cars, trucks, motorcycles, exotics, uniques, and more—at the 20th annual event. Rain or shine, there will be food and fun for the whole family. Freestone County Courthouse Square, 118 E. Commerce St. fairfieldtexaschamber.com 903-389-5792

FARMERSVILLE: Sept. 2 Farmers and Fleas Market Market features coffee, food, crafts, jewelry, soaps, antiques, home decor, plants, produce and more. The Onion Shed, 151 S. Main St. farmersvillex.com 972-784-6846

FORT WORTH: Sept. 23-Nov. 26 "Misty Keasler: Haunt" This series, which depicts 13 themed haunted houses across America, allows lingering looks—something that is not possible at actual haunts where visitors are shuttled through on a forced and darkened path—and the more we look, the more terrifying the scenes become. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. themodern.org 817-738-9215

GAINESVILLE: Sept. 1-10 Born to be Wild—Art Show and Sale One of North Texas's premier art events, encompassing all visual art forms—and with a theme like "Born to be Wild," the interpretations should lead to a lively, interesting, and eclectic art presentation. Artists from across North Texas and southern Oklahoma vie for a chance to exhibit their work, from traditional to strong contemporary, sculpture, photography, and various 3D media. Historic Santa Fe Depot Museum, 605 California St. gainesvilleareavisualarts.org 214-537-9120 or 940-613-6939

GARLAND: Sept. 2, 16 The Marketplace Downtown Square An outdoor market with fresh local produce, culinary items, and artisan/craftsman vendors. Downtown Garland, 150 N. Sixth St. themarketplacedfw.com

GARLAND: Sept. 4 Labor Day Parade The 72nd annual parade will feature local bands, sports groups, and floats. Downtown Garland, 150 N. Sixth St. garlandlabordayevent.com

GARLAND: Sept. 9 Urban Flea This outdoor market features vintage and homemade vendors, live music, and food trucks—joining forces with Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery. Downtown Garland, 150 N. Sixth St. intrinsicbrewing.com or theurbanfleatx.com

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 1-Nov. 4 "The Promise" This long-running outdoor musical combines a 150-person cast and crew, live animals, and special effects to tell the story of Jesus Christ every Friday and Saturday night. Texas Amphitheater, 5000 Texas Ave. thepromiseglenrose.com 254-897-3926

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 2 Mike Calaway in Concert Enjoy the final show of the city's Concerts in the Park summer music series. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-3081

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 8 Discovery After Dark This nighttime guided wildlife tour includes admission to the self-guided scenic wildlife tour. Recommended for ages 5-adult. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 9 Animal Keeper Tour and Dinner Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour with a knowledgeable animal keeper to see all species, plus a three-course dinner. Reservations are required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 3022 CR 2010. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 9, 23 Photo Tour These guided wildlife tours are geared toward photographers to provide the best-possible light. View more than 50 species on 1,800 acres. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 16 Girl's Night Out on the Square Shops are open late in the historic downtown square. Enjoy prizes, drinks, and snacks during your shopping spree. Downtown Glen Rose, 102 Walnut St. 307-631-4106

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 16 Third Weekend Bluegrass Enjoy the sounds of bluegrass music throughout the park. Includes a pickin' and grinnin' jam session followed by a band performing. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-2321

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 19 Rhino Reality This class and tour for homeschoolers and others focuses on white rhinos. Covers poaching, conservation, and more. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 25 Ride to the Rhinos An event for homeschoolers and others that offers 45-minute trips to white rhino yard. Proceeds go to Fossil Rim's rhino program. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 2299 CR 2008. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Gospel Grass Festival Gospel bluegrass music performed by seven groups. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-3081

GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 28-Oct. 1 Mid-Autumn Festival A way to preserve traditions and promote cultures. Take your picture with a huge moon cake, participate in an art contest, win prizes, and more. Asia Times Square, 2625 W. Pioneer Pkwy. asiatimesquare.com 972-988-8811

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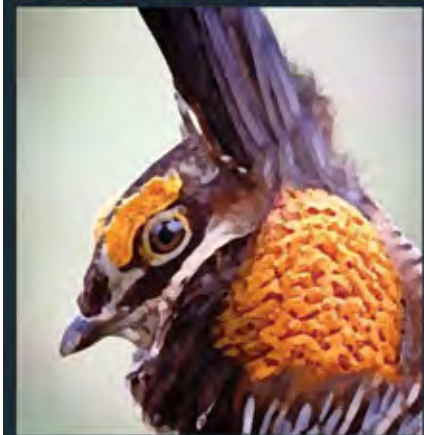
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GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 2-3 Comic Con Traders Village's first Comic Con—come out for the trade show and see celebrity authors, illustrators, cosplay groups, and appearances from the Ninja Turtles and Star Wars characters. Traders Village, 2606 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie 972-647-2331

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 8 Sturgill Simpson in Concert Experience a blend of multiple genres and elements of American history with Simpson's universally acclaimed solo albums. Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Pkwy. verizontheatre.com 972-854-5050

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 9 Olé in Concert International stars Paul Morocco, Guillermo de Endaya, and Marcial Heredia bring a wonderful celebration of music and comedy with the exhilarating sounds of flamenco, salsa, swing, blues, jazz, and pop. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. uptowntheatergp.com 972-237-8786

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 15-17 Native American Powwow Enjoy colorful tribal dance contests, an arts and crafts show, teepees, honoring ceremonies, singing, and more. Traders Village, 2606 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie 972-647-2331

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 15-16, 21-23, 28-30 Quarter Horse Racing Catch the fun and excitement of live quarter horse racing every Thursday through Saturday this fall. Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Pkwy. lonestarpark.com 972-263-7223

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 23 Flight of the Monarch Celebration Celebrate the annual migration of the monarch butterfly from North America to Central Mexico. Remote parking is available to and from this free event, which will include three Monarch butterfly releases; a petting zoo; a costume contest; a kid zone with bounce houses, rock climbing, and children crafts; arts and crafts vendors; food; and live music. Grand Central, 2975 Esplanade. grandfungp.com 972-237-8100

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 28 Taste of Grand Prairie Enjoy some amazing food, meet with different businesses and crafters, and go on some spectacular rides. All proceeds benefit the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. tasteofgp.com 972-264-1558

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 6-8 "Sweeney Todd" One of the darkest musicals ever written tells the unsettling tale of a Victorian-era barber who returns home to London after 15 years of exile to take revenge on the corrupt judge who ruined his life. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. artsgp.org 972-642-2787

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 30 Paramore in Concert Rock out with American rock band and listen to new songs off their album "After Laughter." Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Pkwy. verizontheatre.com 972-854-5050

GRANDVIEW: Sept. 15-17 Antique Alley Texas and 30-Plus Miles of Shopping What started in 1999 as a small sidewalk sale with a couple of yard/pasture sales now spans more than 30 miles of treasures. 300 E. Criner St. antiquealleytexas.com 817-240-4948

GRAPEVINE: May 27-Sept. 17 Grapevine Rails: "Rolling Through Time" Experience Grapevine's railroad legacy: past, present, and future. Enjoy the Lone Star Hi-Railers' 1,000-square-foot model railroad display, train yard play area, interactive games, historical artifacts, and more. Grapevine Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main St. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Sept. 9 Italian CarFest The 14th annual prelude to GrapeFest is the premier show of

Italian automobiles in the Southwest. There will be approximately 80 vehicles, from Fiats and Alfa Romeos to Lamborghinis and Ferraris. Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. nashfarm.org 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Sept. 14-17 GrapeFest Popular attractions during the 31st annual wine festival include the largest consumer-judged wine competition in the nation, a grape stomp, a golf classic, a tennis classic, and five stages offering live entertainment. Historic Downtown Grapevine, Main Street. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185

HALLETTSVILLE: Through Nov. 30, 2018 "Texas in World War I" Features a series of programs and exhibits on various topics relating to Texas and its role in World War I. Friench Simpson Memorial Library, 705 E. Fourth St. hallettsvillelibrary.org 361-798-3243 ext. 208

HILLSBORO: Sept. 9 Second Saturday Downtown Flea Market From May through October, the Hill County Courthouse Square features great local artisans and vendors selling their goods along Franklin Street. There is not a cost or sign up to set up as a vendor. Those interested just need to set up in the parking spaces on the north side of the courthouse by 8 a.m. each second Saturday. Hill County Courthouse Square, 1 N. Waco St. hillsboromainstreet.org 254-582-5499

HILLSBORO: Sept. 22-23 Cotton Pickin' Fair The 26th annual event begins with a street dance and performance by The Morticians. On Saturday, the Fair features a musical lineup that includes Mike Morgan & The Crawl, The Tejas Brothers, Conjunto Baraja de Oro, The Magik Theatre, and JLD. Enjoy more than 100 food and craft vendors, and an IBCA-sanctioned barbecue cookoff. New this year is Inflatable Alley, which will feature 13 unique inflatable games and rides. Hill County Courthouse Square, 1 N. Waco St. hillsboromainstreet.org/cottonpickinfair 254-582-5499

HONEY GROVE: Sept. 30 Davy Crockett Day Local legend says that Davy Crockett wrote home about a honey of a grove after his men found honey in the trees here during their stop on the way to fight at the Alamo. For the past 50 years, this festival has honored that legend. The town square will be filled with music, vendors of all kinds, and entertainment. There will be a pancake breakfast, a children's bike rodeo, games, and a canine parade. Town Square, 400 Sixth St. honeygrovechamber.com 903-378-3112

LA GRANGE: Aug. 31-Sept. 3 Fayette County Fair Established in 1927, this long-running fair offers carnival rides, a cookoff, culinary delights, creative competitive venues, livestock, and local talent. Also features exhibitions, entertainment, a pageant, parade, food, fun and live music—this year's headliners include Kevin Fowler and Clay Walker. Fayette County Fair Association, 400 W. Fair Grounds Road. fayettedcountyfair.org 979-968-3911

LA GRANGE: Sept. 16 Texas Heroes Day Honoring our state's heroes, including the men of the Dawson Massacre and Mier Expedition of 1842 and 1843. Monument Hill State Park, 414 State Spur 92. texasstateparks.org 979-968-5658

MANSFIELD: Sept. 9 Music Alley Festival A new family-friendly music and arts festival will feature a variety of bands and musical performances on four stages, in addition to live, interactive art and painting demonstrations and activities. The Drifters are the headlining musical performance, and there will be a

special appearance by metal artist Jimmy Don Holmes from HGTV's "Fixer Upper." 137 N. Main St. to 110 S. Main St. mansfieldtexas.gov/music-alley-festival 817-804-5795

MCKINNEY: Sept. 2-Feb. 18 "Dinosaurs Live!" An annual exhibit featuring animatronic dinosaurs stationed along nature trails. Closed Mondays. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. heardmuseum.org 972-562-5566

MCKINNEY: Sept. 15-17 Third Monday Trade Days One of the largest flea markets in North Texas, featuring more than 900 vendors. Third Monday Trade Days, 4550 W. University. tmttd.com 972-562-5466

MCKINNEY: Sept. 22-24 Oktoberfest Authentic German music, food and drink (featuring McKinney's own Franconia beer), traditional costumes, dancing, children's activities, and more on the historic downtown square. 111 N. Tennessee. downtownmckinney.com 972-547-2660

MESQUITE: Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mesquite Championship Rodeo The toughest cowboys around the world compete with the strongest horses, steers, and bulls in the country. This PRCA-certified rodeo has been thrilling visitors since 1958. Enjoy all the traditional rodeo events including calf-roping, barrel racing, bronc busting, and bull riding in air-conditioned comfort. Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Dr. mesquiterodeo.com 972-285-8777

MESQUITE: Sept. 5-29 Texas Area Artists Art Exhibition Enjoy an exhibit of art by Texas artists. Galleries are open Monday through Friday and during events. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Sept. 9 Florence Ranch Homestead Tours Tour an early settler's homestead. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: Sept. 16-17 Dallas-Fort Worth Toy Dog Show Hosted by the Dallas-Fort Worth Toy Dog Club. Mesquite Convention Center and Exhibit Hall, 1750 Rodeo Dr. 972-204-4925

MESQUITE: Sept. 16 Just for Kids: Peeler and Rose Marionette Show Enjoy a free lively marionette show. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Sept. 16 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert The orchestra begins its 31st concert season. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitesymphony.org 972-216-8127

MESQUITE: Sept. 23 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours Visit the historic Lawrence family homestead and its unique painted ceilings. Tours also available by appointment. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

NEW BERLIN: Sept. 3 Sausage Festival Benefiting the New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department and the New Berlin Community Club, this annual event offers sausage plates, Bingo, an auction, a dance, games, rides, a country store, and a raffle. New Berlin Community Center, 8815 FM 775. 830-560-6647

NOCONA: Sep. 21-23 Wheels and Grills Chili and Barbecue Cookoff Live entertainment and cash prizes. Horton Classic Car Museum, 115 W. Walnut St. hortonclassicmuseum.com 940-825-1022

PLANO: Aug. 10-Sep. 2 "Dear Delinquent" When David finds pretty Penelope robbing his apartment, he decides he must reform her. His fiancée is not particularly enthusiastic about the idea,

the police just want to find his neighbor's missing jewels, and Penelope decides she just wants David. Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road, Suite 580. roverdramawerks.com 972-849-0358

PLANO: Sept. 1-17 "Sweet Charity" Charity Hope Valentine, a young taxi dancer in NYC, has a big heart for Charlie, whom she met in Central Park. Charlie's not so big-hearted, but she tries to convince herself he's the one. By chance, she meets the film star Vittorio Vidal (who was publicly dumped by his beautiful mistress, Ursula), and the plot thickens. Tunes like "Big Spender" and "If My Friends Could See Me Now" make this lively musical memorable. The Art Centre Theatre, 5220 Village Creek Dr. artcentretheatre.com 214-810-3228

PLANO: Sept. 4 Texas Pool Labor Day Party Find food, pool games, and fun at the beautiful Texas-shaped pool. Last day to swim this season. The Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Dr. texaspool.org 972-881-8392

PLANO: Sept. 14-Oct. 7 "Bus Stop" Rover Dramawerks presents this play based on the William Inge classic film starring Marilyn Monroe. A snowstorm leaves weary bus passengers holed up at a roadside diner overnight. Cherie is being pursued by a headstrong cowboy in love who's ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, alive and kicking, all the way to Montana to marry him. Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road, Suite 580. roverdramawerks.com 972-849-0358

PLANO: Sept. 14 Downtown Plano Art and Wine Walk Stroll the downtown Plano arts district, sampling different wines in shops and galleries, listening to street musicians, and checking out artists and their wares. Raffle prizes are drawn at 9:15 p.m. Downtown Plano Arts District, 998 E. 15th St. visitplano.com 972-468-1588

PLANO: Sept. 22-24 InTouch Credit Union Balloon Festival This three-day festival features 50 hot air balloons, morning and evening launches, balloon glows, tethered rides, skydivers, fireworks, kids activities, live music, half marathon and 5K races, food, and more. Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. planoballoonfest.org 972-867-7566

PLANO: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Fall Plano Train Show Model railroad show featuring operating layouts, dealer displays, how-to clinics, and video displays. Home layouts on display, exciting door prizes. Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. dfwtrainshows.com 469-438-0741

POTTSBORO: Sept. 30 Frontier Day This annual festival celebrates Pottsville's heritage with arts and crafts, food vendors, children's activities, and a carnival. Friendship Park, 615 FM 120. pottsborchamber.com 903-786-6371

RED OAK: Sept. 9 Founders Day One of the largest community events in North Eastern Ellis County starts with a parade and continues at Watson Park with live entertainment, a delicious array of food vendors, local talent, and more. Watson Park, 101 Live Oak. redoakareachamber.org 972-617-0906

RICHARDSON: Sept. 15-16 "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus—Live" The Off-Broadway hit comedy is a one-man fusion of theatre and stand-up—a light-hearted theatrical comedy based on The New York Times No. 1 best-selling book by John Gray. Moving swiftly through a series of vignettes, the show covers everything from dating and marriage to the bedroom. This show is definitely for adults, but will leave audiences laughing and giggling like little kids. Charles W. Eisemann Center,



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RICHARDSON: Sept. 23 Plano Symphony Opening Night with Conrad Tao Plano Symphony kicks off their 2017-18 season with guest pianist Conrad Tao. Listen to a rousing piece by Dvorak, two piano concertos, and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. planosymphony.org
 972-473-7262

ROUND TOP: Sept. 9 Wine and Dine with Patsy Cline Enjoy an evening of classic country western music and homestyle fare, in a setting that harkens back to Nashville elegance of the late 1950s. The Almost Patsy Cline Band will provide music and stories during a meal complete with home-cooked favorites at the historic Round Top Rifle Hall. Round Top Rifle Association, 710 FM 1457. ilovetoread.org
 979-249-2700

SALADO: Sept. 22-23 A Taste of Art Artists from across the nation will be working in various mediums to capture the outdoor sights and scenes of historic Salado and its bucolic landscape. Visitors will encounter these artists working throughout the village. Salado Historical Museum, 423 S Main St. salado.com/calendar 254-718-2030

SALADO: Sept. 22-24 Chocolate and Wine Weekend A chocoholics dream—three days of activities and events. salado.com/calendar 254-947-5040

SANGER: Sept. 9 Sellabration The 39th annual event is the highlight of the Sanger community with an average attendance of more than 4,000 people. The festivities include live music, vendors, kids' zone, numerous stage performances, Little Miss and Mr. Sanger Pageant, and a variety of festival foods, all in a street-fair atmosphere. Historic Downtown Sanger, Bolivar and Fifth streets. sangertexas.com
 940-458-7702

SEALY: Sept. 9 The Main Street Market Farmers market with homemade, handmade, and homegrown items. Historic Downtown Sealy. sealymainstreet.com
 979-627-6136

SMITHVILLE: Sept. 15-Nov. 4 Scream Hollow Wicked Halloween Park Includes three haunted houses: Mansion of Terror, Lost Pines Zombie City and Slaughter Circus. The park also has movies, retail, music, the Cackling Witch Cafe and Bakery, and the Rabid Bat Vampire Bar. Scream Hollow, 149 Split Rail Lane. screamhollow.com 512-710-8267

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Sept. 15-16 Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild Quilt Show This 18th annual judged quilt show includes more than 100 quilts, vendors, raffles, and door prizes. This year's theme is "Birds of a Feather." First Baptist Church R.O.C., 115 Putnam St. sulphurspringstxquilts.com 903-994-2570

TEMPLE: Sept. 1 First Friday On the First Friday of every month, Historic Downtown Temple will be transformed into a giant party with street music and performances, great drinks, amazing food, and after-hours shopping. Downtown Temple. discovertemple.com
 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Sept. 23 Food Truck Frenzy and Main Street Market Discover Downtown is mixing the monthly Food Truck Frenzy with the Main Street Market, to create another delicious event. Dine on food from some of Temple's very best food trucks, then stroll through the many arts and crafts vendors that will be set up along the way. These events are free and open to the public, however food, drink, and merchandise are for purchase. Downtown Temple, Plaza behind 2 N.

Main St. jan2017foodtruckfrenzy.eventbrite.com
 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Sept. 23-Oct. 29 The Robinson Family Farm—Pumpkin Patch Open Saturday and Sunday—weekdays are reserved for field trips/groups. Enjoy activities like hayrides, a corn maze, kiddie train, bounce houses, petting zoo, pumpkin chunkin', sand art, a gift shop, assorted pumpkins, and seasonal eats. The Robinson Family Farm, 3780 White Owl Lane. therobinsonfamilyfarm.com
 254-931-9564

TEMPLE: Sept. 27 Dead Poet Night A monthly open mic poetry night. Bring something to read to the group or just sit back with a glass of wine and listen. J Kowboy Wine Bar, 13 E. Avenue B. 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Sept. 30 Kings and Queens of Cuisine Come prepared to enjoy good food, drinks, and people, all the while supporting the community by helping provide anyone who seeks to improve their lives through education. Hilton Garden Inn, 1749 Scott Blvd. tcfound.org 254-598-7435

TERRELL: Sept. 23 Flights of Our Fathers Air Show and Fly In Aerobatics performance by Randy Ball, Lady Liberty, and others. Static displays show warbirds, vintage, and new aircraft. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, a car and motorcycle show, food and drink vendors, museum tours, guest speakers, book signings, and a kids' zone. No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum, 400 E. British School Blvd. bftsmuseum.org
 972-551-1122

WACO: May 27-Sep. 3 "Speed: Science in Motion" Visitors can challenge themselves through hands-on exhibits and displays, to see if they have the skills, fitness and reactions to race at over 125 miles per hour. The exhibit replicates the high-octane action of a Formula One race-track. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Dr. maybornmuseum.com 254-710-1110

WACO: Sept. 4 Homestead Heritage Labor Day Sorghum Festival Premiering in 1994, this Labor Day festival features sustainability seminars and make-your-own activities, along with locally produced and organic food. Activities include horse-drawn hayrides to the Brazos River Valley overlook, outdoor barbecue, craft demonstrations, and live music. Homestead Heritage, 608 Dry Creek Road. homesteadheritage.com
 254-754-9600

WACO: Sept. 16 Rootstock: A Texas Wine Festival Patrons may taste more than 200 wines and sample food from more than 30 restaurants at the 18th annual festival benefiting the Humane Society of Central Texas. Event activities include live entertainment, a VIP area on the scenic Waco Suspension Bridge, and the famous "Cork Pull." Indian Springs Park, 101 N. University Parks Dr. humanesocietycentraltexas.org
 254-754-1454

WAXAHACHIE: Sept. 16 C10s Trucks in the Park Chevy truck show featuring more than 400 C10 trucks, live music, and more. Getzenderan Park, 100 S. Grand. waxahachiecvb.com 469-309-4040

WAXAHACHIE: Sept. 16 Oktoberfest This German-style celebration offers an abundance of activities to be enjoyed by the entire family. Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane. stjosephoktoberfest.com 972-937-0956

WAXAHACHIE: Sept. 29-30, Oct. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 Screams Halloween Theme Park Explore a huge Halloween theme park with scores of professional actors, entertainment, games and food. 2511 FM 66. screamspark.com 972-938-3247

WAXAHACHIE: Sept. 30 Chautauqua Assembly The history of the Chautauqua is celebrated with reenactments, exhibits, entertainment, and more. Chautauqua Auditorium, 100 S. Grand. waxahachiechautauqua.org
 469-309-4040

WEATHERFORD: Sept. 2-3 Opening Weekend Train Show Train clubs from North Texas will be showing off their impressive trains and tracks. Also enjoy a live band as well as delicious food. A rideable trackless train will take guests throughout the garden. Clark Gardens, 567 Maddux Road. clarkgardens.org
 940-682-4856

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

ALICE: Sept. 8-9 Fiesta Del Centro Includes music, food, vendors, a cookoff, and fun for entire family. Downton, 500 E. Main. alicetxchamber.org 361-664-3454

EAGLE PASS: Sept. 15 Mexico's Independence Celebration Food booths, fun, and the traditional "grito"—or shout for independence. San Juan Plaza, Jefferson and Madison streets. consulmex2.sre.gob.mx/eaglepass 830-773-9255

EDINBURG: Sept. 7-9 South Texas International Film Festival A competitive international film festival strives to showcase visionary local, regional, and international films that have a unique voice and style, to bring together local filmmakers and artists, and help connect the South Texas film industry with the world. Edinburg Conference Center at Renaissance, 118 Paseo del Prado. stxiff.us 956-478-0341

FLORESVILLE: Sept. 7 Opry A family-friendly event for all who enjoy toe-tapping or dancing to live classic country music. Wilson County Show Barn Ball Room, 435 Texas 97. facebook.com/floresvilleopry 830-391-1062

GEORGE WEST: Sept. 16 Artisans Market Shop hundreds of artisan items including handcrafted jewelry, furniture, afghans, plants, wreaths, blankets, soaps, photography, South Texas oil paintings, and quilts. Food trucks on site. Buck West House, 400 N. Nueces. georgewest.org 361-449-2033

GOLIAD: Sept. 23 A Day in the Life of the Presidio Living historians dressed in period clothing occupy the presidio as soldiers would have over 200 years ago. Visitors are encouraged to interact with the interpreters, ask questions, and immerse themselves in the daily life of a Spanish presidial garrison of the Eastern District of the Internas Provincias. Presidio La Bahia, 217 Loop 71. presidiolabahia.org 361-645-3752

LA VERNIA: Sept. 23-Oct. 31 Corn Maze, Petting Zoo, Pumpkin Patch Enjoy a 10-acre corn maze with five miles of trail, a pumpkin patch with picture stations, a petting zoo with live baby animals, hay bales to climb, games to play, hayrides, and more. Circle N Maze, 558 CR 345. circlenmaze.com 210-274-3816

SAN ANTONIO: Through Sept. 4 "Whales: Giants of the Deep" Explore the latest research about the marine animals from their evolution and biology to the important role they play in human cultures. The exhibition uses an engaging blend of science, storytelling, and innovative interactive galleries that give visitors the opportunity to discover more about the world of whales and what lives in the oceans' depths. The Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway. wittemuseum.org
 210-357-1905

SAN ANTONIO: Through Sept. 4 "Wild Weather" This interactive exhibit reveals how scientists are working to better forecast severe weather events

and help mitigate the impact on communities, infrastructure, and lives. Experience the extreme weather patterns of tornadoes, hurricanes, heat waves, thunderstorms, and severe winter storms from the safety of the exhibition hall and discover the effects of climate change from around the globe. The Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway. wittemuseum.org 210-357-1905

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 1-4 Labor Day Artisan River Walk Show Vendors display and sell beautiful handmade merchandise along the river. Artisans vary for each show but usually include pottery, textiles, jewelry, woodwork, paintings, beadwork, and more. River Walk Extension. thesanantonioriverwalk.com
 210-227-4262

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 2 First Saturday at the Alamo On the first Saturday of every month, the grounds of the Alamo are transformed back in time to the 1830s for a full day of living history fun that the whole family will enjoy. Learn about life in frontier Texas with special demonstrations and crafts. The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. thealamo.org 210-225-1391

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 2-3 Volkswagen Car Show and Swap Meet The Oil Drippers Club and Traders Village host this show under a 50,000-square-foot pavilion with more than 300 Volkswagen cars and buses, and more than 30 swap-meet vendors. Bring the family and enjoy food, carnival rides, and great street entertainment. Traders Village San Antonio, 9333 SW Loop 410. tradersvillage.com 210-623-8383

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 12-14 Bud Light, The Taste Sample delicious food from more than 30 of the city's finest restaurants during three glorious days along the beautiful San Antonio River Walk. More than 1,400 food-lovers attend annually. San Antonio River Walk. thesanantonioriverwalk.com
 210-227-4262

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 21-Dec. 31 Fall Hudson Showroom and Main Space The Hudson Showroom, named after the Hudson automobile dealership that formerly occupied the space, features exhibitions that showcase work reflecting the organization's international scope. Previous featured artists include Jim Hodges, Catherine Opie, and Allen Ruppersberg. Artpace, 445 N. Main Ave. artpace.org
 210-212-4900

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 22-23 A Salute to Texas Quilt Show The judged show will include more than 300 quilts, from traditional to modern. There will be a boutique, a raffle quilt, more than 40 vendors, a variety of live demonstrations, and hourly door prizes. San Antonio Event Center, 8311 Meadow Leaf Dr. sanantonioquilt.org 505-331-2215

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 30 Rock Stars and Stripes: The American Rock Experience A live theatrical rock concert featuring the greatest American rock music of all time, starring former Boston vocalist/guitarist David Victor. The show features the greatest hits of The Eagles, Boston, Aerosmith, Journey, Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top, Bruce Springsteen, and more American rock stars with a cinematic rock 'n' roll road trip across America. The Tobin Center for the Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle. rockstarsandstripesshow.com
 210-614-2554

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A TRIP THROUGH TIME

VILLAINY MAY be afoot—though so should plenty of champions—as the **Texas Renaissance Festival (Sept. 30–Nov. 26)** celebrates heroes and villains of history and literature in this year's newest themed weekend. Beginning with Oktoberfest and ending with Celtic Christmas, the 43rd annual festival offers nine themed weekends to gallivant about the 16th-century European village's 60 acres in **Todd Mission**. See new acts like The Dublin Harpers and Cirque Mythos, or enjoy favorites like Pride O' Bedlam and Iris and Rose. Other changes include a medieval torture museum, an expanded Polish Pub and Greek Agora, and a new coffee bar and hookah lounge. With plenty of food to try, performers to watch, and more than 500 shops to explore, time may be the greatest villain. For more information, visit texrenfest.com or call **800-458-3435**.

SHORE THING

THE EPHEMERAL ART of sand sculpting will rise from the sandy beaches of **South Padre Island** on **Oct. 4–8**, when an expected 30,000 visitors will head to the city's sun-soaked shores for **Sandcastle Days**. Thirty years ago, island residents Walter McDonald and Lucinda Wierenga (aka "Amazin' Walter and Sandy Feet, respectively") founded this annual beach dweller favorite as a way to demonstrate the magical sculpting qualities of South Padre Island sand in addition to educating attendees about the destructive effect trash can have on Texas' beaches, coastline, and ocean wildlife—including an informal "fashion show" where "models" wear clothing made from trash found on the beach. For more information, visit sandcastledays.com.



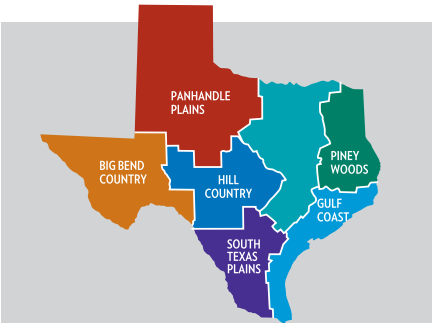
BOO AT THE ZOOS

THE SEASON of jack-o'-lanterns, trick-or-treating, and other fall frolics has returned. Texas offers a trove of terror, but there's plenty of family-friendly fun at zoos across the state to celebrate the season.

- The gates will creak open after-hours for Halloween Nights at the **Dallas Zoo** on Oct. 26–29. Children dressed in Halloween costumes can trick-or-treat in the wild and catch special events and activities throughout the zoo, including special shows, games, and costumed characters. dallaszoo.com
- **Fort Worth Zoo's** not-too-scary Boo at the Zoo, Oct. 27–29, is complete with live entertainment, games, costumed characters, and trick-or-treating. fortworthzoo.org
- Consider adding a trick-or-treating stop at **Cameron Park Zoo** in **Waco** on the evening of Oct. 31, as it hosts its annual Zoo Boo. Enjoy themed exhibits, games, and more in addition to candy. cameronparkzoo.com
- On Oct. 28 at the **Abilene Zoo**, ghouls and goblins can gather treats at stops throughout the zoo, compete in costume contests, and enjoy other animalistic activities. abilenezoo.org
- **The Texas Zoo** in **Victoria** holds its annual Haunted Zoo on Oct. 27–29, where the entire facility is turned into a huge walkthrough haunted house. texaszoo.org
- On Oct. 14–16, 20–22, and 27–29, Zoo Boo at the **Houston Zoo** will offer trick-or-treating, music, animal-themed candy stations, and a costume contest. Pick up a small pumpkin to decorate, learn to dance like a zombie, and help create a monster mural. houstonzoo.org
- At The **Amarillo Zoo's** Boo at the Zoo event Oct. 27–29, you'll find costumed characters handing out candy, a skeleton of the world's largest frog (the size of a dinner plate), and art created by giant cockroaches and rats. Get your picture taken with Sasquatch, join the costume contest, and try a game of Pumpkin Putt Golf or Batty Bat Toss. zoo.amarillo.gov
- Wear your favorite Halloween costume and join the **Caldwell Zoo** in **Tyler** for some merry, not-so-scary Halloween fun Oct. 28–29 during Boo at the Zoo. There will be fun games and treat stations around the zoo from 1–3:30 p.m. caldwellzoo.org
- Guests of all ages are encouraged to come out in their favorite Halloween costumes to **Brownsville's Gladys Porter Zoo** for its annual Boo at the Zoo on Oct. 30–31. There will be more than 50 different game and treat stations along with a 5,184-square-foot haunted house. Zoo members will get free access to the event and will be treated to an extra hour of members-only fun. gpz.org

History in the Making
The Texas Renaissance Festival has expanded to nine weekends this year, offering plenty of jousting, medieval fare like turkey legs, and period musicians.

PHOTOS: (left) Kevin Stillman; (top) courtesy of Amarillo Zoo



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Dates for events listed in this calendar are subject to change. Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: Oct. 7-8 Wings Over Alpine An up-close-and-personal experience with birds of prey. See hawks, owls, falcons, vultures, and eagles in this presentation, which also includes a flying demonstration. Kokernot Lodge Amphitheater, 1104 Loop Road. **432-294-4312**

EL PASO: Oct. 7, 21 Chopin Music Festival Mei Sing-Tsung performs October 7, and Lucy Scarborough performs October 21. Chamizal National Memorial Theatre, 800 S. San Marcial St. **elpasochopinfest.com 915-584-1595 or 915-533-0348**

MARATHON: Oct. 21 M2M: Marathon 2 Marathon The town hosts its 15th famous race in the wide-open Big Bend landscape. At an elevation of 4,080 feet, this is the highest marathon in Texas and a net downhill race. Participants can run the 5K, 10K, half marathon or full marathon, which is a Boston Marathon qualifier. Also enjoy a free pasta dinner Friday night at the Gage Hotel, a barbecue cookoff post-race lunch with music, and a free awards party at the Marathon Motel Saturday night. US 385 north of Marathon. **marathon2marathon.net 432-386-4366**

ODESSA: Oct. 21 Fall Festival The ninth annual event includes carnival-style children's games, arts and crafts, face painting, pumpkin painting, zip lines, inflatable jumpers, a children's costume parade, food and drink vendors, and live entertainment. McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road. **odessatxparks.org 432-368-3548**

GULF COAST

ALVIN: Oct. 7 Alvin Lutheran Church Oktoberfest The 12th annual celebration will offer German food and drink, live and silent auctions, craft vendors, entertainment (including a live band in the biergarten), and fun

activities for all ages. Alvin Lutheran Church, 1800 FM 1462. **alvinlutheran.org 281-585-5457**

BAYTOWN: Oct. 28 Heritage Scaritage Festival Arts and crafts vendors, food, old-fashioned children's games, pumpkin decorating, a doll walk, tours of historic buildings, and a Native American teepee. Republic of Texas Plaza Park, 5117 N. Main St. **baytownhistory.org 281-421-2099**

BEAUMONT: Aug. 17-Oct. 8 Cafe Arts: Mary Pat Nelson Gross This exhibition is part of the museum's Cafe Arts program, which regularly features artists local to Beaumont and Southeast Texas. Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 500 Main St. **amset.org 409-832-3432**

BEAUMONT: Oct. 7 Gift of Life 5K This annual run is back with great music, an awesome atmosphere, and a mission to save lives in Southeast Texas. This is a family-friendly walk, so bring everybody—children under 6 are free and don't need to be registered. City of Beaumont Administration Offices, 801 Main St. **giftoflifebmt.org 409-833-3663**

BEAUMONT: Oct. 13 An Evening Amid the Stars The gourmet four-course dinner and wine paring serves as an annual fundraiser for Girls' Haven. The elegant evening features live and silent auctions, live music, and the opportunity to contribute to the betterment of many young girls' lives. MCM Elegante Hotel & Conference Center, 2355 I-10. **girlshaveninc.org 409-658-4699**

BEAUMONT: Oct. 14 Dogtober Fest Enter your dog in contests throughout the day, including a master/dog look-alike contest, a best-dressed dog contest, a dog parade, adoptable dog style show, and a puppy kissing booth. All dogs must be on a leash and current on vaccinations. Julie Rogers Theatre, 765 Pearl St. **dogtoberfestbeaumont.com 409-838-2202**

BEAUMONT: Oct. 21 Oktoberfest Featuring live polka performances by The Royal Klobasneks, music by Cody Schaeffer and Barelands, a large beer garden, food, and fun for the entire family. Rogers Park, Gladys Avenue and Dowlen Road. **discoverbeaumont.com 409-838-3435**

BEAUMONT: Oct. 28 Dinosaur Day This educational program teaches children about dinosaurs, and how fossils are found and studied. Activities include talks by professional "dinosaur hunters," making huge papier-mâché dinosaurs, searching for real fossils, and creative hands-on activities. Texas Energy Museum, 600 Main St. **texasenergymuseum.org 409-833-5100**

BEAUMONT: Oct. 28 Free Family Arts Day: Eat a Bug! A quarterly event where children and their families are tempted to try the creepy, crawly delicacy of fried crickets. Hands-on art activities focus on the many cultures of the region and the main gallery exhibition. Entertainment includes Latin American music and dancing. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 500 Main St. **amset.org 409-832-3432**

CLUTE: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Planetarium Show Features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector to produce the night sky as it appears to the naked eye, together with a large variety of high-tech equipment to give a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. **bcfas.org 979-265-3376**

CLUTE: Oct. 26 Harvest Fun Fest Enjoy a costume contest, carnival games, food vendors, and more. Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Dr. **ci.clute.tx.us 979-265-2508**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Oct. 6 Moonlight in the Gardens South Texas Botanical Gardens' signature fund-

raiser—with its lunar, interplanetary travel theme—includes valet, appetizers, spirits, steak, sweets, two auctions, pictures with parrots, a wine pull, a patio with live music, and dancing to decades of pop and rock. Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, 402 Harbor Dr. **stxbot.org 361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Oct. 14 Holiday Floral Designs Seminar In this class, H-E-B Plus floral designers will teach how to create beautiful holiday arrangements to wow guests. Included in general admission; members free. See the Gardens, with this class as a bonus. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **stxbot.org 361-852-2100**

FREEPORT: Oct. 26 Fall Festival Enjoy games, candy, and costume contests. Freeport RiverPlace, 410 N. Brazosport Blvd. **freeport.tx.us 979-233-6061**

FREEPORT: Oct. 28 Schuster Home Open House Built by the Schuster family in 1917, the same year the city of Freeport was incorporated, this home was a special place for family gatherings and holidays. The home serves as an example of family life during the founding of Freeport. Schuster Home, 1130 W. Second. **979-297-0868**

GALVESTON: Oct. 3 "Chicken Dance" Every barnyard has its bully. But two of the barnyard's chickens, Marge and Lola, will not stand idly by. ArtsPower's musical portrays the colorful story of these two barnyard chickens on a mission to win the barnyard talent contest first prize of two tickets to see the great Elvis Poultry in concert. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894**

GALVESTON: Oct. 7 Jimmy Webb—The Glen Campbell Years The composer pays tribute to his friend Glen Campbell, sharing highlights of the 100-plus recordings from the Webb/Campbell songbook. Enjoy Jimmy's moving recollections—complete with photos, video and audio clips, and humorous stories—from the partnership that produced "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston," and more. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894**

GALVESTON: Oct. 8 Galveston Symphony Orchestra Concert Conductor Dr. Trond Saeverud and the Galveston Symphony Orchestra. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894**

GALVESTON: Oct. 15 The Beach Boys in Concert Conventional measurements fall short when you're assessing the impact of The Beach Boys. They've created a torrent of hit singles and sold tens of millions of albums. But of greater significance, they changed the musical landscape so profoundly that every pop act since has been in their debt. Don't miss an amazing evening of "Good Vibrations." The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894**

GALVESTON: Oct. 21 ARToberFEST An outdoor juried fine art festival featuring more than 125 quality artists and artisans from all over the United States. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894**

GALVESTON: Oct. 22 Joshua Bell in Concert With a career spanning more than 30 years as a soloist, chamber musician, recording artist, and conductor, Bell is one of today's most-celebrated violinists, having recorded more than 40 CDs garnering Grammy, Mercury, Gramophone, and Echo Klassik awards, as well as the Avery Fisher Prize. The Grand 1894 Opera House,

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GALVESTON: Oct. 27 "Nosferatu" Originally released in 1922 as "Nosferatu, Eine Symphonie Des Grauens" ("A Symphony of Horror"), director F. W. Murnau's eerie adaptation of Stoker's Dracula is a silent masterpiece that to this day is the most striking and frightening portrayal of the legend. A silent film accompanied by Rob Landes at the organ, "Nosferatu" is the perfect performance to set the mood for Halloween. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Oct. 27-28 Island Oktoberfest This free event celebrates its 36th year with a full weekend of food, drinks, live performances, and special activities. First Lutheran Church, 2415 Winnie St. islandoktoberfest.com

HOUSTON: Sept. 28, 30; Oct. 1 Russian Masters Representing the great Russian conducting tradition, Vasily Sinaisky makes his Houston Symphony debut with a thrilling, all-Russian program. Two astonishing first symphonies provide a study in contrasts: Shostakovich's irreverent wit is the perfect foil for Tchaikovsky's dreamy melodies. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houston.com 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Oct. 1 Village Art Car Show See Houston's legendary art cars, and meet the artists. Traders Village Houston, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Oct. 6 Robert Glasper Experiment Houston-born, Grammy-nominated artist Robert Glasper returns to the Da Camera stage with his vibrant weave of jazz, funk, soul, rock, hip-hop, blues, disco,

electronic, and pop. Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Oct. 6-8 Totally '80s The Houston Symphony is going all out to highlight the sounds of a decade influenced by soft rock, unforgettable dance beats, and glam metal. Vocalists Nicole Parker and Aaron Finley join guest conductor Stuart Chafetz to perform nostalgic favorites including Don Henley's "Boys of Summer," an Elton John medley, and a nod to great '80s movies such as "E.T." and "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houston.com 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Oct. 7 Hook'd: Pirates in Concert Let imagination set sail with a pirate program that includes a medley from "Pirates of the Caribbean," a selection from "The Flying Dutchman," and a magical journey with Peter Pan on the "Flight to Neverland" by John Williams. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houston.com 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Oct. 7 VW Car Show More than 80 cars—Beetles, minibuses, and new cars too—are featured in this annual car show. Traders Village Houston, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Oct. 8 ROCO Unchambered: "Nik-NAK" The River Oaks Chamber Orchestra wind trio performs a concert of works by Alyssa Morris, including the world premiere of "Nik-NAK." Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston (MATCH), 3400 Main St. rocohouston.org 713-665-2700

HOUSTON: Oct. 10-22 "The Secret Garden" Theatre Under The Stars presents this story of great love and great loss, great sadness and great joy. Based on the 1911 novel of the same name by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the musical tells the story of Mary Lennox,

a young English girl born and raised in the British Raj. She loses both of her parents when she is 10 years old during a cholera outbreak and she is sent off to England to live with an uncle and a cousin whom she's never met. The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St., Suite 200. tuts.com 713-558-8887

HOUSTON: Oct. 10 Houston VIP Poetry Performance A free poetry performance. Levy Park, 3801 Eastside St. levyparkhouston.org 713-522-7275

HOUSTON: Oct. 10 ROCO Unchambered: "Nik-NAK" The River Oaks Chamber Orchestra wind trio performs a concert of works by Alyssa Morris, including the world premiere of "Nik-NAK." Cypress Creek FACE, 6823 Cypresswood Dr. rocohouston.org 713-665-2700

HOUSTON: Oct. 11-29 "Balls" Jump on board this roller-coaster ride through 1970s sport, sexism, and historic world events, all celebrated in a carnival-like atmosphere. Created in conjunction with New York's acclaimed One Year Lease Theater Company, Balls bounces back and forth between the 1973 "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs (played in Houston's Astrodome) and the cultural outcomes—past and present—that the event sparked. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy., Suite 101. stagetheatre.com 713-527-0123

HOUSTON: Oct. 17 Quatuor Mosaïques in Concert Da Camera presents this intimate concert featuring world-renowned German string quartet Quatuor Mosaïques performing three genre-defining quartets. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Oct. 17 Ocean Soul Photojournalist Brian Skerry celebrates the sea and its creatures in

magnificent images collected during more than 10,000 hours underwater spanning 30 years, including a magical but risky experience photographing an enormous right whale. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houston.com 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Oct. 19-22 Mozart's Jupiter Symphony Praised for his imagination and fresh insights, conductor Matthew Halls returns to Jones Hall with Viennese masterpieces by Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert. Dynamic cellist Johannes Moser brings his virtuoso technique and innate musicality to Haydn's graceful Cello Concerto No. 1. Completing the concert is Mozart's final symphonic masterpiece, his dazzling Symphony No. 41, Jupiter. Note: October 19 performance is part of the Sugar Land Series at Sugar Land Baptist Church. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houston.com 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Oct. 21-22 CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow One of the top air shows in the United States, this premier Houston event is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft along with the thrills of modern aviation. Ellington Airport, 11602 Aerospace Ave. wingsoverhouston.com 713-266-4492

HOUSTON: Oct. 22 Dia de los Muertos Traders Village and Telemundo Houston celebrate the Day of the Dead. Mexican traditions honor the life of a departed family member and loved ones by celebrating on this special day. Traders Village Houston, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Oct. 23-24 "A Stranger I Arrive, A Stranger I Depart" Da Camera presents pianist Sarah Rothenberg performing Schubert's masterpiece "Winterreise" with baritone Tyler Duncan in conjunction with the Menil Collection's retrospective of work by

Mona Hatoum. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Oct. 26, 28-29 Beethoven and Prokofiev Ludovic Morlot, the Seattle Symphony's Grammy Award-winning music director, makes his Houston Symphony Classical Series debut with Prokofiev's epic Symphony No. 5. Musical polymath Jonathan Biss performs Beethoven's lyrical Piano Concerto No. 4. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houston.com 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Oct. 26 ROCO Connections: "Musical Trick or Treat" Audiences travel in groups to four historic homes to hear a short piece by one musician at each house. The Heritage Society, 1100 Bagby St. rocohouston.org 713-665-2700

HOUSTON: Oct. 27 "Psycho"—Film with Live Orchestra There's no better way to celebrate Halloween than to scream along with Janet Leigh in the infamous shower scene of Alfred Hitchcock's supreme suspense thriller, "Psycho." Every spine-tingling moment is more vivid with Bernard Herrmann's bone-chilling, iconic score performed in its entirety by the Houston Symphony. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houston.com 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Oct. 28 Observe the Moon Night The Lunar + Planetary Institute invites the public to Levy Park for International Observe the Moon Night, a worldwide celebration of lunar science and exploration. Levy Park, 3801 Eastside St. levyparkhouston.org 713-522-7275

HOUSTON: Oct. 29 Halloween Boo Bash Halloween fun for all ages with trick-or-treating, a fun maze, a bird show, and more. Traders Village Houston, 7979 North Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Oct. 31 Body by Broadway Sing, squat, and dance along to your favorite Broadway tunes, taught by instructors from Define Mind & Body. The event is hosted by the Houston Downtown Management District and Theatre Under the Stars. Market Square Park, 301 Milam St. marketsquarepark.com 713-650-3022

KATY: Oct. 14-15 Katy Rice Harvest Festival The 37th annual festival will offer two stages of continuous live entertainment, more than 250 craft and food vendor booths, children's activities, and more. A parade will be held the prior Saturday, October 7. Historic Downtown Katy, 901 Avenue C. riceharvestfestival.org 281-391-5289

KEMAH: Sept. 28-Oct. 1 Galveston Bay Songwriters Festival The inaugural festival features headliners like country star David Lee Murphy ("Dust on the Bottle," "Loco") and Americana artist and Texas native Radney Foster ("Nobody Wins," "Just Call Me Lonesome") and dozens of free songwriter-in-the-round shows with performances by area artists in Americana, country, roots-rock, and related genres at five venues. Kemah Community Center, 800 Harris Ave. galvestonbaysongwriters.com 512-217-9404

KINGWOOD: Oct. 9-10 Kingwood Women's Club Holiday Marketplace Enjoy a fun shopping experience featuring all kinds of good gifts. Proceeds to benefit local charities. Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy. kingwoodwomensclub.com

LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 7 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Major Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated



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LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 21 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 Texas 332. gco.org 979-480-0999

LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 30 Halloween Spooktacular Dress up in your Halloween costume and enjoy crafts, games, and other special programs. Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Dr. tpwd.texas.gov/seacenter 979-292-0100

LAMAR: Oct. 27-28 Market Days The Lamar Volunteer Fire Department hosts this fundraiser, which features a giant garage sale, plant sale, and barbecue plate sale with homemade desserts. Lamar Fire Station, 302 Bois D' Arc St. lamarvfd.com 361-729-5003

NEEDVILLE: Oct. 20-21 Harvest Festival Enjoy a barbecue cookoff, live music, lawnmower races, helicopter rides, a children's zone, talent show, Little Mr. and Miss Contest, Queen Contest, food and craft booths, contests, and other activities. Needville Harvest Park, 3001 Violet St. needvilleharvestfest.org 979-793-4030

ORANGE: Through July 14, 2018 "The World War I Homefront: Orange Goes Over the Top" New at The W.H. Stark House, this exhibit shares stories of how the Stark family and the people of Orange supported the war effort. Learn about the active role the family took in boosting troop morale, helping the Red Cross, and supplying troops abroad. The W.H. Stark House, 610 W.

Main Ave. starkculturalvenues.org/whstarkhouse 409-883-0871

PALACIOS: Oct. 21 Harvest Moon Library Fund-raiser A fundraiser for the Palacios Library includes a silent and live auction, dinner, and a band. Palacios Recreation Center, 2401 Perryman Ave.

PALACIOS: Oct. 28 Boys & Girls Club Monstrous 5K Run Bash by the Sea This glow-in-the-dark 5K run by the bay raises funds for the Boys and Girls Club. City Park, Commerce and Sixth Street. palacioskids.org 361-972-2642

PALACIOS: Oct. 28 Pedal of Palacios Bike Ride Quiet country roads with water views—a flat and friendly ride. Proceeds benefit Palacios hike and bike trails and tourist information. Fourth Street Pier, South Bay Boulevard. pedalpalacios.org 361-972-2615

PASADENA: Oct. 28 Scarecrow Festival Your one-stop shop for the latest styles in fashion, art, home decor, beauty, gourmet food, and more. Pasadena Rodeo Arena Campbell Hall, 7603 Red Bluff. southernstyleevents.net 281-467-3577

PEARLAND: Oct. 7-8 Art and Crafts on the Pavilion This free two-day event provides visitors with great shopping opportunities, live music, food trucks, and a variety of activities centered on art. Each year the show assembles an extensive collection of area artists who specialize in handcrafted pieces and artwork. Pearland Town Center Event Pavilion, 11200 Broadway St. visitpearland.com 281-997-5970

PORT ARANSAS: Oct. 5-8 Harvest Moon Regatta Sailboat race starts in Galveston on Thursday and ends in Port Aransas. Vessels start arriving in Port Aransas on Friday and Saturday. Awards ceremony is held on

Saturday. Municipal Harbor, Robert's Point Park, 301 J. C. Barr Blvd. harvestmoonregatta.com 281-474-2511

PORT ARTHUR: Oct. 6-8 Mistletoe Market and Cajun Cookoff Three events in one weekend: The Power of the Purse "Ladies Night" on Friday will host appetizers, VIP shopping, and a designer purse auction. The Mistletoe Market will open Saturday to the public—a shopper's dream from black cats to Santa's hat. And the Cajun cookoff will feature étouffée, jambalaya, and red bean and rice as local chefs have a true Cajun showdown to satisfy the foodie at heart. Bob Bowers Civic Center, 401 Cultural Center Dr. unitedwaymsjc.org 409-729-4040

PORT ARTHUR: Oct. 7 CavOILcade Parade "We Oil the World" was once the city's motto. This festival, created in 1953, continues the tradition of honoring the oil industry. A coronation to name a queen is set for the week before, October 14. Procter Street, Downtown Port Arthur. 409-293-7846

PORT ARTHUR: Oct. 14 Live United 5K Fun Run Run includes a 5K chip-timed fun run for the adults and a 1K for kids. Awards by age group, activities for kids, food, and family-friendly fun. Port Neches Park, 601 Avenue A. unitedwaymsjc.org 409-729-4040

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Oct. 6-7 Shopping Tournament Shop 'til you drop at this sixth annual event. Teams of four players compete in this shopping game with prizes, food, and fun. Various locations. shoprockportfulton.com or acedfoundation.org 361-729-6934

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Oct. 12-15 Seafair Celebrating its 43rd year, the festival starts with a battle of the bands on Thursday in addition to offering a gumbo cookoff; hilarious crab races; arts and crafts, market, and food

vendors; an outdoor boat show; and live big-name and local entertainment. Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 101 Seabreeze Dr. rockportseafair.com 361-729-6445

SINTON: Oct. 16-31 Pumpkin Patch A great picture opportunity while buying your special pumpkin. Pumpkin Patch, Sinton Street. 361-229-3416

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Oct. 5-8 Sand Castle Days Five full days of family-friendly fun and art on the beach include master and amateur sand sculpting competitions, live music, and art and food booths. Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. sandcastledays.com 956-767-2373

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Oct. 21 Monarch Day Celebration As the Monarch butterflies journey to Mexico, learn how to help the species from being endangered. Presentations throughout the day will teach about planting native milkweed plant gardens, take a guided butterfly walk, and enjoy children's crafts and games. South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center, 6801 Padre Blvd. spibirding.com 956-761-6801

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 5 Toddler Music with Sessions Enjoy a free class on the plaza with Sessions Music. Immerse your child in a musical atmosphere of play, song, and dance, all while developing fundamental skills and connecting with other moms, dads, and families. Recommended for ages newborn to 7 years. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 6 Giving Spirits Concert Series Enjoy live latin/jazz arrangements from Mark Towns Latin Jazz Band, featuring classic compositions by jazz masters to create the band's spicy-hot sonic excursions. Plus, kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month and learn more about local nonprofits Fort Bend Women's

Center and Asians Against Domestic Abuse. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 7 Diwali Festival Celebrate the Festival of Lights through cultural showcases, including regional folk and Bollywood dances, food, and activities. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 21 Country at the Ballpark The third annual country concert, put on by 93Q and the Sugar Land Skeeters. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 21 The Jaguar Club of Houston's Concours D'Elegance Car Show Calling all car enthusiasts: Come see some of the slickest Jaguars on display in the plaza as this event celebrates its 40th year. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 21 Tricks, Treats, and T-Rex Bring the whole family for a spooky good time at the museum. Visit the child-friendly version of the haunted house, play a few outdoor games, or catch a chemistry show. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 24-Jan. 7 Sugar Land Holiday Lights For the fourth year in a row, enjoy views of more than 2.5 million lights. Santa Claus every night, holiday treats, shopping vendors, and more. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 27 Haute Halloween: A Dueling Piano Experience Felix and Fingers dueling pianos will be front and center as they entertain with an interactive, all request, laugh-out-loud show for all ages. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 28 Dusshera Mela Celebrate this annual major Hindu festival with entertainment and activities. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 28 Flying Saucer Beer Feast The sixth annual event will feature more than 50 breweries and 80 craft beers, all carefully selected by Saucer's resident beer gurus. In addition, very rare and limited-release beers will be tapped one at a time throughout the fest. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 28-29 T3 Haunted House Tour the museum as never before when the temporary exhibit hall is transformed into a haunted house experience. Best for ages 8 years and older. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 29 City of Sugar Land's Halloween Town Festive Halloween characters will roam the square inviting children to participate in several activity stations and attractions provided by local organizations and businesses. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

TEXAS CITY: Sept. 30-Oct. 21 Quilt Show After a short hiatus, the Texas City Museum is bringing back its annual quilt show. Beautiful quilted art by community members will be displayed—attendees can vote for their favorite piece. Texas City Museum, 409 Sixth St. texas-city-tx.org 409-229-1660

TEXAS CITY: Oct. 7 Breast Cancer Awareness Kids and Adult 5K Walk/Run Finish the fight against breast cancer with the fourth annual event, featuring vendors, giveaways, and refreshments. Registration is required. Rotary Pavilion,

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TOMBALL: Oct. 21 The Freight Train Food Truck Festival A full afternoon of tasty treats from 30 of Houston's finest rolling kitchens. Spread across two city blocks surrounding the historic downtown railroad depot, the fest offers a wide selection of cuisines, live classic rock from The Grateful Geezers, and southern rock from The Posse. Enjoy a kids zone, vendors, and more. The Historic Downtown Depot, 201 S. Elm. tomballtx.gov 281-351-5484

TOMBALL: Oct. 28 Bluegrass Festival An annual pickin' and grinnin' tribute to Americana music at its best. Travers Chandler & Avery County, The Lone Mountain Band, Pine Island Station, and The Border Town Ramblers are scheduled to perform. Bring your instrument and join in the fun at the "Shade Tree Jam" in the courtyard of Granny's Korner. Enjoy festival foods, vendors, a kids zone, and more. The Historic Downtown Depot, 201 S. Elm. tomballtx.gov 281-351-5484

VICTORIA: Oct. 5-Nov. 5 Dia de los Muertos Exhibit Brightly decorated altars by local artists commemorate the dearly departed while highly detailed and sought after retablos are displayed awaiting your highest bid. The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. navemuseum.com 361-575-8227

VICTORIA: Oct. 6-7 Bootfest Two-day free festival with a variety of activities for all ages. Features Texas country and Tejano recording artists including Pat Green and Jason Boland, boot-making demonstrations, custom boot vendors, western craftsmen, a kids' corral, arts and crafts

vendors, food vendors, and a fireworks display, as well as a car, truck, and motorcycle show. Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Main St. bootfest.org 361-485-3116

VICTORIA: Oct. 19 Symphonic Spooktacular Bring the kids for a fun night of music, costumes, and more. Presented by the Victoria Symphony. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Dr. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

VICTORIA: Oct. 20 Main Street Market Days Shop from a variety of excellent vendors. Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Main St. victoriainmainstreet.com 361-578-0060

VICTORIA: Oct. 21 "Romantic Masters" Victoria Symphony presents this concert, featuring violinist Alexandra Switala. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Dr. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

VICTORIA: Oct. 25-26 South Texas Farm and Ranch Show Two-day show features more than 125 booths of the latest agricultural advancements, technology, and farm and ranch machinery as well as 30 to 40 speakers addressing current issues in the agricultural industry. Produces approximately \$10,000 annually for area scholarships. Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. southtexasfarmandranchshow.com 361-575-4581

VICTORIA: Oct. 27-28 Cemetery Tour An evening tour of historic cemeteries featuring reenactors in an educational and entertaining setting looking back into Victoria County's rich history. Evergreen Cemetery, Red River and Vine streets. 361-573-1878

VICTORIA: Oct. 27-29 Haunted Zoo Dare you enter the Zoo this weekend? Come join the Texas Zoo as it holds its annual Halloween event, where the entire facility is turned into a huge walkthrough haunted

house. The Texas Zoo, 110 Memorial Dr. texaszoo.org 361-573-7681

VICTORIA: Oct. 27-31 Main Street Riverside Trail of Terror Face this nighttime trek through the woods of Riverside Park, full of costumed creatures ready to give you a scare. Riverside Park, 311 Memorial Dr. victoriainmainstreet.com 361-578-0060

WEST COLUMBIA: Oct. 7 Fall Harvest Event Celebrate the season and learn about harvest time on an 1800s plantation. Hayrides, crafts, sugar cane, storytelling, and more. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, 1702 N. 13th. visitvarnerhoggplantation.com 979-345-4656

WEST COLUMBIA: Oct. 28 An Eerie Evening at Varner-Hogg Take a spooky nighttime stroll through the woods to the plantation's 1840s era Patton Family Cemetery, and learn about mortality on the plantation during the 1800s and the dangers of the early Texas wilderness. Then, step into the plantation house for a candlelit look at the death of the site's last owner, Governor James S. Hogg, and the effect it had on his family, as well as his plantation. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, 1702 N. 13th. visitvarnerhoggplantation.com 979-345-4656

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AUSTIN: Sept. 11-Jan. 1 "Mexico Modern: Art, Commerce, and Cultural Exchange, 1920-1945" Chronicling two decades of cultural exchange between Mexico and the United States, this exhibition showcases examples of modern Mexican art and design. The more than 200 items are drawn primarily from the collections

of the Harry Ransom Center. Harry Ransom Center at The University of Texas at Austin, 300 W. 21st St. hrc.utexas.edu/mexicomodern 512-471-8944

AUSTIN: Oct. 4 Lila Downs in Concert This global superstar's exquisite artistry bridges traditions from across the Americas, with influences ranging from the folk and ranchera music of Mexico and South America to North American folk, jazz, blues, and hip-hop. As a passionate human-rights activist, Lila's lyrics often highlight issues relating to social justice. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Oct. 6-8, 13-15 Austin City Limits Music Festival One of the country's largest celebrations of live music, this two-weekend, six-day festival brings the magic of the famed public TV series "Austin City Limits" outside the studio and into Austin's most beloved park. More than 150 musical acts—including Jay-Z and Red Hot Chili Peppers—will take over eight stages, along with local food vendors, brewers, artists, and pop-up shops and artists. Zilker Park, 2100 Barton Springs Road. aclfestival.com

AUSTIN: Oct. 6-7 Postcard and Paper Show The Capital of Texas Postcard Club presents its fifth annual show with many dealers and thousands of postcards for sale or trade. Find antique to modern postcards from your hometown or from around the world covering all kinds of topics. Dealer appraisals of collections available. Frank Fickett Scout Center, 12500 N. I-35. ctxpc.org 512-302-4722

AUSTIN: Oct. 7 Texas Teen Book Festival Young adults and YA-genre fans can expect a fun day filled with entertaining panels and inspiring sessions led by some of 2017's best-selling and most critically-acclaimed Young Adult authors, along with interactive

activities, games, book signings, and more at the ninth annual event. St. Edwards University, 3001 S. Congress Ave. texasteenbookfestival.org

AUSTIN: Oct. 13-30 "Woman in Black" Currently in its 27th year on London's West End, this hair-raising ghost story comes to Austin just in time for the Halloween season. A lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the specter of a "woman in black" engages a skeptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcize the fear that grips his soul. Austin Scottish Rite Theater, 207 W. 18th St. penfoldtheatre.org 512-850-4849

AUSTIN: Oct. 20 Del McCoury Band in Concert For more than 50 years, McCoury's music has defined authenticity for hardcore bluegrass fans as well as a growing number of fans only vaguely familiar with the genre. McCoury is something special, a living link to the days when bluegrass was made only in hillbilly honky tonks, schoolhouse shows, and the Grand Ole Opry. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Oct. 20-22 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix World-renowned drivers will be in Austin to race around a state-of-the-art 3.4-mile circuit track with capacity for 120,000 fans. Races will be followed with live performances by Justin Timberlake and Stevie Wonder. Circuit of the Americas, 9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd. circuitoftheamericas.com

AUSTIN: Oct. 20-22 Gem Capers The 41st annual gem and mineral show offers 30-plus vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils, and spheres. Exhibits include a touch table of rocks and fossils and members' collections. Enjoy a silent auction,

as well as demos in faceting, capping, fossil cleaning, and polymer clay. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. agms-tx.org 512-458-9546

AUSTIN: Oct. 21 Hal Ketchum in Concert Six years ago, Ketchum packed up his guitars and left Nashville, turning his back on a successful, 20-plus year career in country music. He first hit the country market alongside fellow troubadours like Lyle Lovett and Steve Earle, and went on to sell more than 5 million albums and rack up a half-dozen Top 10 hits. His latest release brings to mind the thrill of his earliest albums. Stateside at the Paramount, 719 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Oct. 21 Selected Shorts Get lost in the moment as some of the most talented actors from the stage, screen, and television bring short stories to life. This award-winning NPR series presents a compelling work of short fiction each week, recorded live at New York's Symphony Space (or in this case, at the Paramount Theatre). Classic authors and bold new writers are showcased equally. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Oct. 26-Nov. 11 "Blu" This play by Virginia Grise, directed by Florinda Bryant, follows a queer Chicana/o family through explosive after-effects of prison and hunger, desire and war. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 409 E. Fifth St. salvagevanguard.org 512-474-7886

AUSTIN: Oct. 26-Nov. 2 Austin Film Festival Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on both top-billed films and indie alike. Various locations. austinfilmfestival.com

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AUSTIN: Oct. 27 Halsey in Concert Halsey embarks on her 2017 North American headline tour in support of her second full-length album, "Hopeless Fountain Kingdom." Coming along for the tour are PartyNextDoor and Charli XCX. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060

BANDERA: Sept. 28-Oct. 1 Lace, Grace, and Gears Attempting to set a world record for the largest gathering of female motorcycle riders in one place, four event-filled days include tent camping, music, rides, and more. 2E Twin Elm Guest Ranch, 810 FM 470. lacegracegears.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Oct. 3 Cowboy Capital Opry Grand Old Opry-style entertainment is hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. silversagecorral.org 830-796-4969

BANDERA: Oct. 7 Frogs for Freedom Run This annual Hill Country motorcycle ride welcomes two-wheel, three-wheel, and four-wheel riders. Enjoy live music, a live auction, a 50/50 raffle, and barbecue. 11th Street Cowboy Bar, 307 11th St. texasfrogsforfreedom.com 301-751-4327

BANDERA: Oct. 7 Market Days Arts and crafts vendors downtown. Bandera Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. banderatexasbusiness.com 830-796-4447

BANDERA: Oct. 28-29 Cactus Rose Ultra Trail Run and Relay No whiners, wimps, or wusses. A trail of rugged and brutal beauty where everything cuts, stings, or bites. Hill Country State Natural Area, 10600 Bandera Creek Road. tejastrails.com/cactus 830-796-3045

BLANCO: Oct. 21 October Fall Festival Features a barbecue lunch (beef, sausage, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, and dessert), rummage sale, silent auction, quilt drawing, and prize drawing. All funds raised will benefit Trinity's Scholarship Fund and 2018 Youth Campers. Trinity Lutheran Church, 703 N. Main St. trinityofblanco.com 830-833-4771

BOERNE: Oct. 7 Hot Rod Night Reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-331-8799

BOERNE: Oct. 13 Texas Hill Country Fall Fine Art Show and Sale A premier three-day event featuring more than 40 artists, produced and presented by Boerne Professional Artists. You'll see a diversity of art and media created by renowned artists from across the state. Cana Ballroom, 202 W. Kronkosky St. visitboerne.org

BOERNE: Oct. 14-15 Market Days Artists, crafters, and vendors share their creative talents and wares to the sounds of homegrown Texas musicians. Main Plaza, 204 E. San Antonio. visitboerne.org 210-844-8193

BOERNE: Oct. 14-15 The Key to the Hills Rod Run The 31st annual event features a pre-1949 cut-off year which distinguishes it from a "classic car show" (1949-1964). Nearly 500 coupes, sedans, and roadsters coming from across the country will take over Main Street on Saturday, and cars will be on display on Main Plaza and throughout downtown. Hill Country Mile, Main Street. visitboerne.org 830-755-8226

BOERNE: Oct. 26 A Thirst For Nature—Owls and Growlers Grab a beer and enjoy an evening of owls. Craig Hensley, TPWD's "Wizard of Wildlife," will give a brief presentation about the fascinating anatomy, diets, and lives of owls. After the presentation head out on an "owl prowl." Cibola Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. visitboerne.org 830-249-4616

BOERNE: Oct. 28 Boerne Boo Celebration Celebrate Halloween with mule rides, a balloon sculptor, face painting, arts and crafts, a bounce house, a trunk or treat, a costume contest, and a boo-cycle contest featuring decorated bicycles for a Halloween parade with prizes. Patrick Heath Public Library, 451 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-248-1503

BOERNE: Oct. 28 Hot Rod Night—Halloween Bash Reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. Dress in costume for this event. Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-331-8799

BOERNE: Oct. 28 The All British Car Day This British automobile extravaganza is open to all British automobile marquees. Participants will vote for their favorite cars, and awards will be presented to the most popular vehicle in each class. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-859-9272

BOERNE: Oct. 28 The Haunted Show The Rahim Quazi Trio returns with a wonderfully eerie evening just before Halloween. The cave will be haunted by the expert weaving of tale and song—both classical and jazz—such as "Moonlight Sonata" played in total darkness and "A Nightmare before Christmas," plus the haunting melodies from Rahim Quazi's CD, "Ghost Hunting." Costumes welcome. Cave Without A Name—Throne Room, 325 Kreutzberg Road. cavewithoutaname.com 830-537-4212

BULVERDE: Oct. 7 Fall Chamber Market Day The semi-annual event will host 100-plus vendors on the blacktop, attracting more than 500 shoppers looking for unique treasures, delicious eats, and fun times. 20475 Texas 46. bulverdespringbranchchamber.com 830-438-4285

BULVERDE: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Tejas Rodeo Weekly rodeos, live music, events, and steak dinners. Tejas Rodeo, 401 Obst Road. visitboerne.org 830-980-2226

BURNET: Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Day Out with Thomas Take a 25-minute ride with a full-size Thomas the Train Tank Engine and meet Sir Topham Hatt. Enjoy stories, music, and children's activities. Burnet Community Center, 401 E. Jackson St. austinsteamtrain.org 512-477-8468

BURNET: Oct. 14 Tri-Fest Combines three events for a full day of fun: Burnet Art Fest, Ft. Croghan Day, and Oktober Fest. Downtown Square, 220 S. Pierce St. burnetchamber.org 512-756-4297

COMFORT: Oct. 15-31 Scarecrow Invasion Visit Comfort to see many scarecrow displays. Businesses and residents go all out to create unique and imaginative scarecrows for the enjoyment of all who see them. Various locations. comfort-texas.com 830-995-3131

CONCAN: Oct. 7 Fall on the Frio Dine on the best barbecue in town and try your luck at the washer and horse-shoe tournament. Fall family photo ops and a pumpkin patch make this the perfect weekend escape for the family. Frio Country Resort, 1801 CR 348. friocountry.com 830-232-6625

CONCAN: Oct. 7 River Road Market Fest and Pumpkin Patch This street-style market pop-up features live music and entertainment, local artisan shopping and food vendors, and more. The fall edition of this market features a special pumpkin patch for kids and adults alike. Andy's on River Road, 21488 US 127. visituvaldecountry.com/events 830-232-4310

CONCAN: Oct. 13-15 Garner State Park Fall Yoga Retreat During this annual retreat, guests can enjoy camping under the stars, vinyasa yoga, meditating, hiking the park's 11 miles of trails, and water activities

that include inner tubing, fishing, and kayaking. Breakfast and basic camping equipment is provided to all who attend. Garner State Park, 234 RR 1050. facebook.com/southernshantiyoga 361-350-0206

CONCAN: Oct. 21-22 Neal's Haunted Hayrides One of the scariest hayrides in all of Texas—narrowly escape spooky encounters with ghosts and spirits, then enjoy live music. Neal's Lodges, 20970 Texas 127. visituvaldecountry.com/events 830-232-4310

COUPLAND: Oct. 1 Choo Choo Fest This annual fundraiser helps to maintain the historic Coupland Depot and caboose. Event features a complete barbecue dinner by master chef Peter Wabbel; a silent auction with antiques, fine art, arts and crafts, collectibles, and more; a bake sale with homemade desserts; and merchandise. Families can enjoy free rides on the Kiddie Express train through central Coupland. St. Peter's Church of Coupland, 108 Wathen St. susangarry.wixsite.com/choochoofest 512-856-2564

DRIPPING SPRINGS: Oct. 14-15 Hill Country Ranch: Artisan and Craft Faire Art, jewelry, gourmet food, clothing, Texas wine, gifts, home decor, crafts, photography, Texas handmade gifts, and more. Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center, 1042 Event Center Dr. texasmarketguide.com 888-225-3427

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 1-31 Texas Wine Month Trail Take a self-guided tour of Texas Hill Country wineries and receive special tastings and discounts. Tickets are limited and available online only. Various locations. texaswinetrail.com 512-914-5561

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 6 First Friday Art Walk Tour fine art galleries offering special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours the first Friday of every month. Various locations. ffawf.com 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 6-8 Oktoberfest Celebrate the fun and flavor of Fredericksburg's German heritage at the 37th annual fest, with three days of music, food, drink, dancing, arts and crafts, children's entertainment, and more. Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. oktoberfestinfbg.com 830-997-4810

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 7-8 Pacific Combat Living History Reenactment See equipment and weapons used during WWII and a battle reenactment set on an island in the Pacific. Pacific Combat Zone, 508 E. Austin. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 13-29 "On Golden Pond" Presented by Fredericksburg Theater Company, the stage version of this Oscar-winning drama starred Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn. Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 US 87. fredericksburgtheater.org 830-997-3588

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 13-15 Texas Mesquite Art Festival Featuring the world's largest selection of original mesquite art, sculpture, furniture, turnings, architectural accents, gifts, ornaments, and more. Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. texasmesquiteartfestivals.com 830-997-8515

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 20-21 Fort Martin Scott Frontier Days Reenactors in period attire share stories of Native Americans, frontier lawmen, soldiers, and settlers living on the Texas frontier in the 1800s. It's a fun interactive experience for all ages. Fort Martin Scott, 1606 E. Main St. ftmartinsscott.org 830-217-3200

FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 20-22 Trade Days Shop more than 400 vendors in seven barns, with acres of antiques, a biergarten, live music, and more. Sunday Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com 830-990-4900

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FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 28 Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest A grand celebration of Texas food and wine with musical entertainment and several special events. Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. fbgfoodandwinefest.com 830-997-8515

GRUENE: Oct. 5-8 Gruene Music and Wine Fest This Americana event benefiting the United Way of Comal County features the best in live Texas music and the best in Texas food and wines at Gruene Hall and The Grapevine. All four days of the 31st annual event will be filled with vintner and music events, food and beer samplings, and the Great Guitar Auction. Gruene Historic District. gruenemusicandwinefest.org 830-629-5077

GRUENE: Oct. 8 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, this event serves awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet catered by the Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-629-5077

GRUENE: Oct. 19 Come and Taste It A featured winemaker showcases three of its newest released, top-selling, or hardest-to-find wines, alongside a craft brew hand-picked by The Grapevine staff. The complimentary tastings are held on the patio and garden. Samples of food will be provided, and each event features live music and prize giveaways. The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. grapevineingruene.com 830-606-0093

GRUENE: Oct. 21-22 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. Gruene Historic District. gruenemarketdays.com 830-832-1721

INGRAM: Oct. 13-28 "Of Mice and Men" John Steinbeck's parable about what it means to be human. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5121

JOHNSON CITY: Oct. 6-8 Pig Roast At the 25th annual biker rally and pig roast, enjoy bike games, a poker run, great live music, a bike show, camping, live and silent auctions, a Saturday night barbecue, and more. All profits go to the Hill Country Toy Run. Blanco County Fairgrounds, 619 US 281. pigroast.org 830-868-7684

JOHNSON CITY: Oct. 28 Art Walk Galleries and shops are open for viewing and wine tasting from 4 to 8 p.m. Nugent Avenue. lbcountry.com 830/868-7684

JOHNSON CITY: Oct. 28-29 Market Days Local artisans and craftsmen sell their wares. City Park, US 290 and Avenue G. lbcountry.com 830/868-7684

JUNCTION: Oct. 20-22 Oktoberfest Fly Fishing Tourney Held along the banks of the spring-fed Llano River. South Llano River RV Park & Resort, 210 Cedar Creek Road. fredericksburgflyfishers.org 210-286-7041

KERRVILLE: Sept. 1-Oct. 5 "Homage" Combined works in multimedia by artists Phyllis and Douglas Garey. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kackerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Sept. 30-Oct. 28 Guadalupe Watercolor Group Show and Sale The 24th annual juried show and sale will offer more than 100 high-quality original watercolor paintings. Kerrville Arts and Culture Center, 228 Earl Garrett. guadalupewatercolorgroup.com 830-895-2911



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Oct. 28-29 Respected potters and sculptors from around Texas display, sell their wares, and demonstrate a variety of techniques at this 25th annual event. Hands-on activities are available for children. Gruene Historic District. texasclayfestival.com 830-629-7975

KERRVILLE: Oct. 4-7 Kerrville Outdoor Painters Event and Wet Paint Show and Sale See artists painting all around Kerr County. View and purchase completed works. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kackerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Oct. 7 Fall Native Plant Sale and Festival A native plant sale with exhibits, kids' activities, and more. Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. riversidenaturecenter.org 830-257-4837

KERRVILLE: Oct. 7 Kerr County 4-H Wild Game Dinner Enjoy a feast of wild game, chicken, or catfish, as well as an auction and raffle. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerr.agrilife.org 830-257-6568

KERRVILLE: Oct. 7-8 Kerr County Celtic Festival and Hill Country Highland Games Song, dance, games, food, and more. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. kerrcountyceltic.com 713-256-1173

KERRVILLE: Oct. 12 Symphony of the Hills Concert—"Wild, Wild West" This concert features a theme inspired by the American frontier spirit as seen in the cowboy personae, the grand landscapes, and even the frontier of musical composition. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. symphonyofthehills.org 830-792-7469

KERRVILLE: Oct. 13-15 James Avery Invitational A 54-hole, two-man golf tournament is played over three days and three different golf courses: Scott Schreiner, Riverhills, and Comanche Trace. 830-895-8500

KERRVILLE: Oct. 14 Hill Country Swap Meet A giant community garage sale, flea market, and trade days all-in-one. Buy or sell new, used, antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, knives, books, furniture, tools, clothing, kitchen and household items, and more. Concessions on site and lots of free parking. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-459-6198

KERRVILLE: Oct. 14 Kerr County Market Days An indoor marketplace for vendors of original hand-crafted goods, artwork, and home-grown plants and produce. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-895-7524

KERRVILLE: Oct. 14-15 Kerrville Chalk Festival Features chalk art, a kids' chalk zone, a community mural, great food, and music. Peterson Plaza. kerrvillechalk.org 830-895-5222

KERRVILLE: Oct. 20-Nov. 5 "Nonsense" Enjoy a comic musical by Dan Goggin. Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. playhouse2000.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: Oct. 24 Baubles and Beads Annual "Giving Cancer the Boot" emporium features vendors from all over the Hill Country. All funds raised benefit local women and families. Y.O. Ranch Hotel & Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker. executivewomensclub.org 830-257-4440

KERRVILLE: Oct. 26-29 Kerr County Fair The 38th annual event features a judged creative arts exhibits, 4-H prospect show, bull riding, carnival/midway, scholarship pageant, parade, dance, vendors, children's activities, and more. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerrcountyfair.com 830-257-6833

KERRVILLE: Oct. 26-Dec. 1 Texas Furniture Makers Show This juried exhibit features the best furniture makers in Texas. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kackerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Oct. 27 "Beginnings"—A Chicago Tribute Band A tribute to rock legends Chicago. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: Oct. 27-28 Halloween Mystery Dinner An evening of dinner, mystery, and fun hosted by a professional chief investigator. Kerrville Hills Winery, 3600 Fredericksburg Road. kerrvillehillswinery.com 830-896-4233

KERRVILLE: Oct. 31 Family Fright Night An evening of safe and traditional family fun. Trick-or-treating, games, popcorn, and a movie. Kerrville-Schreiner Park, 2385 Bandera Highway. kerrvilletx.gov 830-257-7300

LAMPASAS: Oct. 14 Herb and Art Festival—"Jammin with Art in the Park" Hanna Springs Sculpture Garden, Campbell Park 501 E. N. Avenue. lampasaschamber.org 512-556-5172

LAMPASAS: Oct. 28 Lampasas Trade Days Come meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Merchandise ranges from antiques, collectibles, quilts, crafts, folk and fine art, and home furnishings. Marigold's Antiques & More, 2646 US 190. lampasastradedays.com 512-734-1294

LIBERTY HILL: Oct. 7 Sculpture Garden Festival A festival celebrating the Sculpture Garden created in 1976, with the purpose of raising money to clean, repair, and preserve the sculptures from artists around the world. There will be sculptors working on their art, hands-on art for children, displays of artwork, arts and crafts by vendors, a car show, and music. A silent and live auction will conclude the day. Lions Foundation Park, 355 Loop 332. hsculptures.com 512-470-1326

MEDINA: Oct. 6-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 Great Hill Country Pumpkin Patch Enjoy unlimited hayrides, hay bale maze and giant hay stacks, a petting zoo, tours of the apple orchard and cider mill, pumpkin painting, storytelling and sing along time, and mural painting.

For a small fee you can ride a pony, take a barrel train ride, enjoy face painting (weekends only), complete a sand art project (weekends only), build a pomander, or feed the animals. Love Creek Orchards, 13558 Texas 16. lovecreekorchards.com 800-449-0882

MEDINA: Oct. 7 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 Texas 16. 830-796-3045

NEW BRAUNFELS: Sept. 26-Oct. 1 Comal County Fair The largest county fair in Texas features a barbecue cookoff the weekend prior, a parade through historic downtown New Braunfels, a PRCA rodeo, bull riding, pig racing, a livestock show, carnival games and rides, and food of all kinds. Comal County Fairgrounds, 701 E. Common St. comalcountyfair.org 830-625-1505

NEW BRAUNFELS: Sept. 29-Oct. 1 River Revival Music Festival A collaboration between Houston-based Splice Records and St. Arnold's Brewery, the annual fest was created as a place for music lovers to share good times, great tunes, and camaraderie, all while enjoying the beauty Texas nature has to offer alongside the mighty Guadalupe River. KL Ranch Camp-On the River, 5455 River Road. splicecordstx.com/events/river-revival

NEW BRAUNFELS: Oct. 28-29 Train Show Event includes a free train ride on the Landa Park railroad for children up to 10 years of age. Civic/Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. nbrm.org

PIPE CREEK: Oct. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 Pipe Creek Pumpkin Patch Activities will include a hayride, hay jump, scarecrow dressing, visiting farm animals, and pumpkin painting with the purchase of a pumpkin. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase, as are other activities. Pipe Creek Christmas Tree Farm, 805 Phils Road. pipecreekpumpkinpatch.com 830-510-6006

SAN MARCOS: Oct. 6-9 Sacred Springs Powwow An annual celebration of the Native American culture that has been part of the San Marcos area for thousands of years. Native dancers from across Texas gather at the Sacred Springs in San Marcos dressed in beautiful, handcrafted regalia. Come watch the dancers, participate in the intertribal dances, and enjoy the booths that offer authentic Native American arts and food. Spring Lake Meadows Center, 201 San Marcos Springs Dr. indigenoucultures.org 512-393-3310

SONORA: Oct. 7 Dry Devils River Music Flood This BYOB festival offers plenty of Texas country music, a cookoff, and a 5K. Sutton County Park, 1700 N. Crockett. sonoratexas.org 888-387-2880

STONEWALL: Oct. 7 Historic Schools Open House Tour Two former country schools listed in the National Register of Historic Places—Williams Creek (Albert) School and Junction School—will be open for visits and tours. Various locations. historicschools.org 830-997-5116

STONEWALL: Oct. 14 Stonewall VFD Fall Fish Fry The 37th annual volunteer fire department fundraiser includes fried catfish with all the trimmings, prize drawings, and live entertainment. Stonewall Chamber of Commerce Building, 250 Peach St. 830-644-5571

STONEWALL: Oct. 28 Barbecue on the Pedernales at the LBJ Ranch Experience the LBJ Ranch as guests did in the 1960s. Enjoy music by Dale Watson and delicious catering by The Salt Lick BBQ. Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, 199 Park Road 52. friendsoflbjnationalpark.org 512-344-9338

TAYLOR: Oct. 14 Good Life Taylor Fair and 5K A 5K run starts and finishes in Bull Branch Park, but includes a bit of Taylor's countryside too. Afterward,

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UVALDE: Oct. 6-7 Southwest Texas Junior College Rodeo The 55th annual event. Uvalde County Fairplex, 215 Veterans Lane. uvaldecountyfairplex.com 830-591-7232

UVALDE: Oct. 13 Four Square Friday Late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. Historic Downtown Uvalde. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

UVALDE: Oct. 21 Ducks Unlimited Banquet SSGT Willie de Leon Civic Center, 300 E. Main St. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

UVALDE: Oct. 25 Kiwanis Halloween Parade and Carnival An elementary school costume parade is followed by a carnival with food and game booths. Ssgt Willie De Leon Civic Center, 300 E. Main St. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

UVALDE: Oct. 28 Cactus Jack Music Festival Enjoy a petting zoo, helicopter rides, face painting, and train rides at the second annual event. 501 Ranch, 5160 Crystal City Highway. 501ranch.com 830-278-3939

WIMBERLEY: Sept. 8-Oct. 1 "Making God Laugh" Sean Grennan's dramedy follows 30 years with the same family as they celebrate the holidays, squabble over family issues, and avoid eating the dreaded fantasia dip. What ensues is an equal mix of light-hearted humor and a poignant look at the many changes we encounter as we age. Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. wimberleyplayers.org 512-847-0575

WIMBERLEY: Oct. 7 Market Day Walk along a shaded path to discover treasures of all sorts and enjoy lots of great food and live music. Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. shopmarketdays.com 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: Oct. 27-Nov. 19 "The Diary of Anne Frank" Performed in the Burdine Johnson Indoor Studio Theatre. EmilyAnn Theatre & Gardens, 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Big Country Balloon Fest The 23rd annual weekend of family fun includes hot air balloons, live entertainment, children's games and inflatable rides, a silent auction, food and craft vendors, and a balloon glow on Friday and Saturday nights. Red Bud Park, 3125 S. 32nd St. hotairballoon.com/big-country-balloon-fest 325-795-0995

ABILENE: Oct. 6-7 SDPC Door Car Shootout The race features three classes: Big Tire, Small Tire, and Street Tire. Guaranteed payout for all classes. The Big Country Raceway, 5601 W. Stamford St. bigcountryraceway.com 325-721-2021

ABILENE: Oct. 13-14 Speedway Southern Challenge Head out to the speedway for a weekend of thrilling car racing. Abilene Speedway, 6825 US 80. abilenespeedway.com 325-725-3849

ABILENE: Oct. 28 Boo at the Zoo Dress up your little beasts and bring them to the zoo for a day of trick-or-treating, costume contests, games, and animal fun. Abilene Zoo, 2070 Zoo Lane. abilenezoo.org 325-437-4914

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3 "Cell Series: Kelly O'Connor" A widely acclaimed exhibition series that presents the work of living artists within the "challenging" upper galleries of the historic 1877 jail structure. Sustaining the passion of the OJAC founders in supporting and exhibiting contemporary artists, visitors encounter works by artists who attempt to interpret and translate the world we universally experience with often surprising and enlightening results. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3, 2018 "Ronald Watson" Ronald Watson utilizes strict systems of order, an artist's intuition, and the viewers' perception to construct complex and intriguing sculptures with acute attention to detail and craftsmanship. Watson's work conveys a sense of stability in a world that is perceived to be in a state of chaos. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3, 2018 "Texas Moderns: Bill Bomar" The fourth in a series of fall exhibitions focusing on artists active in mid to late 20th century Texas will feature the work of Bill Bomar. Often associated with the artists of the Fort Worth Circle, Bomar was also an art collector, supporter of other artists, and one of the founders of the Old Jail Art Center. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

AMARILLO: July 14-Oct. 1 "Biennial 600: Architecture" The seventh in an ongoing series of juried biennial exhibitions exploring specific areas of artistic practice, material, and/or content. This year's show focuses on architects and artists working at the intersection of art and architecture. This exhibit will be juried by Rand Elliott, FAIA, or Elliott + Associates Architects in Oklahoma City. Amarillo Museum of Art, 2200 S. Van Buren St. amarilloart.org 806-371-5050

AMARILLO: Aug. 1-Oct. 14 America's Horse in Art Show This exhibit brings together top Western artists who collectively create a view of the American Quarter Horse and its place in America's heart. American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum, 2601 I-40 E. aqha.com/museum 806-376-5181

AMARILLO: Oct. 27-Nov. 25 American Quarter Horse Photography Show A stunning exhibit featuring American Quarter Horse Association member photography. The photos tell the story of America's horse and the love the nation has for it. American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum, 2601 I-40 East. aqha.com/museum 806-376-5181

BROWNFIELD: Oct. 13-14 Terry County Harvest Festival On Friday, enjoy Texas music and a motors car show, with food trucks and vendors. On Saturday, a morning parade downtown on Broadway is followed by an all-day festival including a car show, food trucks, vendors activity booths, music, and entertainment. Coleman Park, 510 S. First. brownfieldchamber.com 806-637-2564

CANYON: Through Feb. 24, 2018 "When Georgia Was Here" Drawn from the PPHM's art collection and from public and private collections nationwide, the exhibition will present a new perspective on American art contemporaneous with Georgia O'Keefe's time at WTAMU 1916 and 1918. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. panhandleplains.org

CHILDRESS: Oct. 28 Delbert Days Car Show An annual open car show held in honor of the late Delbert Wilson. Bring cars, trucks, motorcycles, and tractors, and enjoy a fun day with family and friends. Delbert Days Car Show, Avenue D and Main Street. 940-937-3633

CHILDRESS: Oct. 28 Downtown Trick or Treat Kids are provided a safe route to trick-or-treat with merchants and individuals providing candy. Main & Commerce, Main and Commerce streets. 940-937-2567

COLORADO CITY: Oct. 6-7 Boer Goat Cookoff 45 teams compete for prize money by cooking brisket, ribs, beans, and dessert. Ruddick Park, 1501 E. 7th St. 325-728-5252

COLORADO CITY: Oct. 7, 14 Railhead Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Shoppe Pumpkins, sweet treats, and fall decor are available for purchase, alongside games to play, photo spots, a bounce house, and the Chamber Choo-Choo. Railhead Building, 150 E. First St. coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325-728-3403

DALHART: Oct. 7, 21 The Purpose Market A seasonal open-air market, with farmers, artisans, chefs, and vendors sharing their passions and purposes, including fresh produce, quality handmade goods, delicious foods and treats, and mission-driven products from around the world. Purpose Coffee Co., 324 Rock Island. thepurposemarket.com 806-249-0099

DALHART: Oct. 13 Lee Roy Parnell in Concert La Rita Theater, 311 Denrock Ave.

DALHART: Oct. 15 St. Anthony's Catholic School Oktoberfest The first St. Anthony School Oktoberfest was held 35 years ago in October 1982, when parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church decided to start a fundraiser that would not only help the school financially, but also bring the church, school, and community together. Rita Blanca Coliseum, 2222 FM 281. 806-244-4128

DALHART: Oct. 28-29 Halloween Barrel Bash Dress up in your Halloween best while running barrels. XIT Rangers Arena, FM 281. 806-249-2791

DALHART: Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat Festival Bring your kids out to see trunks decorated for Halloween and filled with candy. Downtown Dalhart, Denrock Avenue. dalhart.org 806-244-5646

ELECTRA: Oct. 26 Scarecrow Festival Enjoy a Halloween costume contest, coloring contest, cakewalk, dunking booth, car bash, food booths, and more. Scarecrow Festival, 100 W. Cleveland. electratexas.org 940-495-3577

FLOYDADA: Oct. 14 Punkin Days A pumpkin festival with related games and activities, retail booths, arts and crafts, a car show, chili cookoff, and more. Downtown Floydada, 100 S. Main St. floydadachamber.com 806-983-3434

LUBBOCK: Sept. 8-Oct. 29 West Texas Watercolor Society Fall Show Fall exhibition and sale of beautiful water media art works by members of West Texas Watercolor Society. Legacy Event Center, 1500 14th St. wtws.org 806-794-4655

LUBBOCK: Oct. 14 Grape Day Try new varieties of wines, explore art booths, take a wine tour, and taste from food trucks. Llano Estacado Winery, 3426 E. FM 1585. llanowine.com 806-745-2258

LUBBOCK: Oct. 14 Texas Wine Series Enjoy a scenic run through the vineyards, and enjoy food and wine after the race. Llano Estacado Winery, 3426 E. FM 1585. texaswineseries.com 806-745-2258

LUBBOCK: Oct. 27-28 "The Addams Family" Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they



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LUBBOCK: Oct. 28 Lubbock Book Festival Celebrating the literary culture and community of West Texas and beyond, the festival will showcase a series of featured authors, who will speak to attendees throughout the day-long event about their published books. The festival program will feature New York Times best-selling authors, award-winning Texas Tech writers, and regional and local favorites who have written on a variety of topics and genres. Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Avenue K. lubbockbookfestival.org 806-762-8606

LUBBOCK: Oct. 29 West Texas Latino Artist Show and Dia de los Muertos Celebracion Sixth annual event promoting art and culture and showcasing Latino artists, local performers, classic cars, and more. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. visitlubbock.org 806-792-1212

POSSUM KINGDOM: Oct. 6-7 Possum Fest Barbecue and Chili Cookoff Cook at the 21st annual cookoff. There will also be an auction and raffle items, plus vendors. Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, 362 N. FM 2353. possumkingdomlake.com 940-779-2424

QUANAH: Oct. 31 Trunk to Treat Dress in costume for train rides, games, food, and the fun of visiting all the decorated trunks. 300 S. Main St. 940-663-2222

RANGER: Oct. 14 Ranger Oil Boom Centennial Celebration A big parade featuring the theme "Most

Spectacular Blowout of All" will kick off a week of events celebrating the biggest, wildest, roaringest boom of all. This year marks the centennial year of the oil boom in Ranger, noted as "the boom that won World War I." For information and schedule, contact the Ranger Historical Preservation Society. Loop 254 West. 254-647-3340

ROSCOE: Oct. 21 West Texas Wind Festival Features food and craft vendors, live music, a mud bog, dancing, and fireworks. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 115 Cypress St. cityofroscoe.com 325-766-4150

SAN ANGELO: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Lucas Oil Drag Boat Race Series Showdown For racing fans around the country, nothing satisfies their urge for speed and raw horsepower like this racing series. This now united sport allows more than 900 teams to run for one national championship; each national event spotlights several pro classes highlighted by the Top Fuel Hydro class. Lake Nasworthy Marina & RV Park, 2680 Camper Road. lucasoildragboats.com 951-870-6381

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 5-Dec. 3 The Ehrlich Collection of American and British Ceramics Individual exhibitions featuring paintings. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 5-Dec. 3 The Garden of Earthly Delights: Exhibitions Featuring the Work of Julie Heffernan and Kathleen Elliot Individual exhibitions featuring paintings. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 13, 2017-Aug. 18, 2019 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition The fifth biennial juried competition will feature 12 large outdoor sculptures. Sunken Garden Park, 704 S. David St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 14 Family Day Eco Fair Includes hands-on art activities. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 15 Chamber Music Series Concert Begins at 2 p.m. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 19 Downtown Stroll Free admission to the museum during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 19-20 Murder Mystery Event Tour Fort Concho where a "murder" has been committed, and solve the mystery by listening to various characters of the fort's historic era. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 3514 Cedar Ridge. fortconcho.com 325-657-4444

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 21-29 En Plein Air Texas Some of the best plein air artists in the country gather for a full week of painting West Texas lands and historic towns out in the open air. Visitors can watch over the shoulders of professional artists as they paint, attend free talks and demos, eat lunch with an artist, and purchase a moment in time painted by one of the artists. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org or enpleinairtexas.com 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 24 Fort Concho Night Tours Tour Fort Concho at night and hear true tales of the scary past. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes. fortconcho.com 325-657-4444

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 27-29 Cinch Roping Fiesta The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association initiated the Roping Fiesta in 1954 as a way to help generate revenue for the association in the off season from the stock show and rodeo. First Community Credit Union Spur Arena, 200 W. 43rd St. sanangelorodeo.com 325-653-7785

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 28 Brews, Ewes, and Barbecue An event in the heart of downtown that pays homage to West Texas heritage, traditions, and culture. Naturally, "The Wool Capital of the World" adds lamb to the competition. Downtown San Angelo, 24 W. Concho Ave. downtownsanangelo.com 325-655-2345

STANTON: Oct. 14-15 Old Sorehead Trade Days Shop for arts and crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, and antiques, and enjoy live entertainment and food during this event jokingly named for the town's few "old soreheads." Historic Downtown Streets and Community Center Complex, 209 N. St. Peter. stantontex.com 432-756-2006

VERNON: Oct. 20-21 Red River Barbecue Battle and Bacon Fest Sanctioned by Lone Star Barbecue Society, the eighth annual competition will begin Friday for salsa and steak. The four cooking categories for Saturday include brisket, ribs, chicken, and beans. Events Center, 301 Wilbarger. vermontexas.net 940-552-2564

WICHITA FALLS: Oct. 27 Texoma Mini Maker Faire Part science fair, part county fair, and part something brand new, this community event celebrates the act of making things. With a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math), the event provides a place for children, parents, educators, and the community at large to gather and teach, demonstrate, make things, and celebrate the inventive and artistic spirit of the community. Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 Fifth St. facebook.com/texomaminimaker 940-867-9032

WOLFFORTH: Oct. 7 Harvest Festival and Parade The annual festival includes food, craft and merchandise vendors, entertainment, kids activities, and a parade down

Main Street. 302 Main St. mywolfforthnews.com 806-855-4159

WYLIE: Oct. 26 Boo on Ballard Costumed kids trick-or-treat in downtown Wylie at this safe, free, family-friendly celebration. Vendors hand out candy on the street, the library hosts costume contests for kids and pets, and the rec center hosts Glow in the Park at Olde City Park with a bungee trampoline, zip line, foam pit, and live DJ. Historic Downtown Wylie, 112 Ballard Ave. wylietexas.gov 972-516-6016

PINEY WOODS

CENTER: Oct. 5-7 East Texas Poultry Festival The 41st annual salute to the poultry industry offers arts and crafts, a three-day carnival, live entertainment, food vendors, photography show, quilt show, creative arts, chicken cooking contest, poultry judging, auction, and more. Downtown Center Square, 100 Court House Square. shelbycountychamber.com 936-598-3682

DE KALB: Oct. 7 Oktoberfest This fantastic little festival celebrates the treasure that is De Kalb. There will be vendors, games for kids, concessions, shows, a parade, and more. Downtown. dekalbtexasoktoberfest.com 903-306-9112

DIBOLL: Oct. 7 Angelina County AirFest This world-class airshow features some of the greatest aerobatic pilots in the country. Rides will be available and there will also be static displays, food, and commercial vendors. The event is a production of the Lufkin Marine Corps League and is a benefit for the Marine Toys for Tots campaigns in Angelina and Trinity Counties in East Texas to purchase toys for less fortunate children at Christmas. Angelina County Airport, 800 Airport Blvd. visitlufkin.com 936-633-0359

GLADEWATER: Oct. 7 Black Rodeo The 14th annual event is one of the largest rodeos of color. Gladewater Round Up Rodeo Arena, US 80. realcowboyassociation.com 903-845-5501

GLADEWATER: Oct. 21 Emergency Services Fall-fest Bring the kids and enjoy free food, games, candy, and a cakewalk. Sponsored by Gladewater First Responders. Donations greatly appreciated. Gladewater Rodeo Grounds, US 80 West. 903-845-5501

HENDERSON: Oct. 12-14 Rusk County PRCA Rodeo The 27th annual event. Rusk County Youth Expo Center, 3303 FM 13. visithendersontx.com 866-650-5529

HUNTINGTON: Oct. 7 Catfish Festival A day of live music, a catfish cookoff, free games and train rides for the kids, and more than 100 vendors, plus bounce structures and rock climbing at the fourth annual event—a country-style festival in a friendly country town. Bands from Nashville will join local talents on stage. Food vendors will offer barbecue, seafood, hot dogs, and all the traditional festival favorites. Centennial Park, 600 N. Main St. shophuntingontexas.com 936-635-3306

HUNTSVILLE: Oct. 7 Fair on the Square Many unique items, some handcrafted, will help shoppers get ready for the Christmas and fall holidays. Jewelry, home decor, apparel, and many more treasures can be found by both vendors and the merchants on the downtown square and in the Midway Plaza. Downtown Huntsville, 1100 University Ave. thefaironthesquare.com 936-295-8113

HUNTSVILLE: Oct. 21 Walker County Butterfly Festival A free, fun, and educational event, including activities and crafts for children. At noon, tag and

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release monarch butterflies for their migration journey to Mexico. Walker County Master Gardener Association, 102 Tam Road. huntsvilletexas.com 936-435-2426

HUNTSVILLE: Oct. 28 Scare on the Square Bring the family to the historic square for a fun day of face painting, carnival games, arts and crafts, a moonwalk, food trucks, a costume contest, and more. Downtown Huntsville, 1203 University Ave. huntsvillemainstreet.com 936-291-5920

HUNTSVILLE: Oct. 14 Citywide Praise Fest This outdoor community event features local artists, choirs, soloists, local musicians, and local bands in one place, performing their talents and abilities. Free to the public—bring a lawn chair. Eastham/Thomason Park, 1500 Seventh St. 936-661-6458

JASPER: Oct. 21 Fall Festival and Butterfly Festival A one-day event featuring arts and crafts, home-made items, activities for children, food, and live entertainment at the historic Courthouse Square. Includes shuttle rides to the Butterfly House and Gardens for a scheduled butterfly release and educational sessions in the Butterfly Capital of Texas. Various locations. jaspercoc.org 409-384-2762

JEFFERSON: Oct. 6-8, 20-21 Jefferson Flea Market Shop for new and antique items, arts and crafts, garage-sale items, furniture, fixtures, books, dishes, office supplies and more. Jefferson Flea Market, 213 W. Broadway St. jeffersonfleamarket.net 903/431-0043

KILGORE: Oct. 14 Oktoberfest This year's celebration will still focus on family-friendly fun with music, entertainment games, and more, but there will also be beer on tap to accompany the event's German fare this year. Downtown Kilgore. kilgorechamber.com

KILGORE: Oct. 26 East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cookoff The legendary 25th annual cookoff will showcase some of the best Texas chili. World's Richest Acre, 101-199 E. Main St. kilgorechamber.com

LIBERTY: Oct. 7, 14, 28 Liberty Opry Enjoy live, family-oriented, musical entertainment, with a different theme every Saturday. Gospel, country, '50s and '60s old-time rock 'n' roll, classic oldies, specialty shows, and comedy on every show. Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. libertyopry.com 936-336-5830

LUFKIN: Oct. 7 Lufkin's Bistro Wine and dine under the stars in the streets of historic downtown. Lufkin's finest chefs will showcase their tastiest cuisine paired with delicious wines and beers. Downtown Lufkin, 113 S. First St. visitlufkin.com 936-633-0359

LUFKIN: Oct. 7 Pineywoods Purgatory Fall's premier cycling event offers four rides ranging from 25 to 100 miles that travel through miles of rolling hills and thickly wooded forests. After the course, head to the Angelina Expo Center for a beer garden, live music, and fajitas. George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center, 1200 Ellen Trout Dr. pineywoodspurgatory.com 936-637-3976

LUFKIN: Oct. 15 Home Free in Concert The five-man band has become known for their show-stopping performances that mix their signature no-instrument, all-vocal music with their quick-witted humor. Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. angelinaarts.org 936-633-5454

LUFKIN: Oct. 19 The Company Men in Concert Unlike any other four-man vocal group touring today, this pop vocal group will uniquely interweave today's Top 40 hits with re-imagined classics of the last six decades by blending songs from the world's favorite artists, including The Four Tops, Michael Jackson,

Adele, Billy Joel, and more—a staggering 50-plus songs in just 90 minutes. The Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. visitlufkin.com 936-633-0359

LUFKIN: Oct. 26 Farm Feast Share a meal and some special time with family and friends while celebrating the abundant bounty of East Texas farmers. Angelina County Farmers Market, 2107 S. Medford Dr. visitlufkin.com 936-633-0359

MOUNT PLEASANT: Oct. 7 Everything Texas Uncorked Food and Wine Festival Sample wines from Texas wineries, enjoy food from local chefs, and shop for one-of-a-kind wares made by Texas artisans. Live music all day. Camp Langston, 50 CR 3227. facebook.com/uncorkedwinefestival 903-572-8567

MOUNT PLEASANT: Oct. 21 Everything Texas Ranch Run Hit the trails on the legendary Priefert Ranch for 5K and 15K races. Trophies will be awarded to the top three runners in each age category. Breakfast will be served to all runners. Live music. Priefert Ranch, US 271 South, Exit 4000. facebook.com/everythingtexasranchrun 903-572-8567

PALESTINE: Through Oct. 31 Art Tracks The latest installation of sculptures wraps up its annual display downtown. Brochures with locations and names are available at the Palestine Visitor's Center and Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce. The Redlands Historic Inn, 400 N. Queen St. visitpalestine.com 903-729-6066

PALESTINE: Oct. 6-8, 13-15 "The Tin Woman" Complimentary reception will be held before the production, opening night. The play, written by Sean Grennan, is based on the true story of a woman who receives a heart transplant and her eventual meeting with the family of the donor. Historic Texas Theatre, 213 W. Crawford St. thetexasstheater.com 903-922-1126

PALESTINE: Oct. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 Pints in the Pines Texas State Railroad never misses out on a good time. Every weekend in October, the crew serves a multitude of craft brews, accompanied by burgers and brats, at the depot and on the train. Texas State Railroad Depot, Park Road 70. texasstaterailroad.net 855-632-7729

PALESTINE: Oct. 21 Hot Pepper Festival and Parade It's unusually hot in Palestine during the "Hottest Little Festival in Texas," which features a kids zone, arts and crafts, a pepper-eating contest, live music, and more. Historic Downtown Palestine, Main Street. visitpalestine.com 903-723-3014

PALESTINE: Oct. 7 "Let's Go Shooting" Skeet Shoot Fundraiser The second annual fundraiser, hosted by the Palestine YMCA and the Kiwanis Club of Palestine. Registration includes clays, a shirt, breakfast, and lunch. Bring your own gun and ammo. Palestine Y/Alex Patel Soccer Complex, 2515 Texas 19. palestineymca.org 903-729-3139

RUSK/PALESTINE: Oct. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 Piney Woods Pumpkin Patch on the Texas State Railroad Young and old alike will enjoy the short trip from Rusk to Maydelle where everyone goes in search of the perfect pumpkin and do a little trick or treating before the return train trip. Each child receives one pumpkin to take home. Texas State Railroad Depot, Park Road 76. texasstaterailroad.net 855-632-7729

SAN AUGUSTINE: Oct. 28 Sassafras Festival For almost three decades, the last Saturday in October has been a full day of family fun, great food, and live entertainment. This year's festival will include an antique and classic car exhibit, a barbecue cookoff, a dog show, an art show, a hospitality/souvenir booth, reunions, a free kids corner, arts and crafts booths,

food vendors, and a hayride. Courthouse Square, 100 W. Columbia St. sanaugustinetx.com/sassafras-festival 936-275-3610

TEXARKANA: Oct. 7 Dine on the Line A toast to the two cities on the state line of Texas and Arkansas with dinner served in two states. Highlights local foods from downtown restaurants, a celebrity toast, a live band, and the State Line Shuffle line dance. Enjoy kids activities and a family atmosphere. State Line Post Office/Courthouse, 500 N. State Line Ave. mainstreettexarkana.org 903-792-7191

TEXARKANA: Oct. 13-14 Dinosaurs—Night and Day! Help unveil the museum's newest exhibit, "Dinosaurs: Fossils Revealed," by making papier-mâché dinosaur masks and fossil necklaces. Explore the fossil pits with guest speaker Dr. Ben Neuman, Head of Biology at Texas A&M University—Texarkana. Snack on dino footprint cookies and nestle down for the night among the dinosaurs, then wake to a breakfast of toast and "dino" eggs. Discovery Place Interactive Museum, 215 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org

TEXARKANA: Oct. 14-Dec. 31 "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed" This new exhibit explores the bones and fossils belonging to the giant creatures that once roamed the earth. Visitors can view and even touch six full dinosaur skeletal molds including a triceratops, tyrannosaurus rex, and velociraptor. There are additional molds of skulls, arms, legs, eggs, footprints, and a 6-foot-1-inch apatosaurus femur. Visitors will also enjoy a dig box where they can use paleontology tools to unearth dinosaur bones. Discovery Place Interactive Museum, 215 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TEXARKANA: Oct. 21 Follow the Yellow Brick Road Want to follow the yellow brick road? How about you help make one first. Plan to join "Wizard of Oz"-inspired activities and decorate your very own yellow brick to take home as a doorstop or make your own pair of mini ruby red slippers at this Victorian-era museum. Ace of Clubs House, 420 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TEXARKANA: Oct. 21 String Art! Come for a day of fun making your own string art designs. Design your pattern using foam board and nails—then use yarn to finish off your work of art. Discovery Place Interactive Museum, 215 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TYLER: Oct. 1-31 Rose Season Each October, thousands of visitors flock to Tyler for the excitement of rose season. All month, the city celebrates budding beds of roses with horticulture workshops, garden tours, community events, and other festivities culminating in the pinnacle event: the Texas Rose Festival. Various locations, 315 N. Broadway. visitt Tyler.com 903-592-1661

TYLER: Oct. 19-22 Texas Rose Festival The highlight of rose season is this beautiful annual festival, featuring the unbelievable aroma of hundreds of thousands of roses growing in manicured beds in the Rose Garden. Enjoy a tea with the Queen, relive the past in the beautiful Rose Museum, and be enchanted by courtly costumes at the Queen's Coronation. When your eyes have taken it all in, treat your ears and tap your feet as the bands march by in the Rose Festival Parade. Various locations. texasrosefestival.com 903-592-1661

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: Oct. 5-8, 11-15 Shakespeare in the Park Founded in 1971, Shakespeare Dallas offers North Texas residents a unique opportunity to experience Shakespeare in a casual park setting, as well as providing cultural and

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- SEPT. 23 STROLL THRU THE RENAISSANCE
- SEPT. 30 – NOV. 26 TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
- OCT. 13 MAGNOLIA ROTARY CLUB TAILGATE EVENT
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educational programs to audiences of all ages. This year's production of "Titus Andronicus" is believed to be Shakespeare's first tragedy and is often marked as one of his most violent works. Addison Circle Park, 4950 Addison Circle Dr. shakespearedallas.org 214-559-2778

ADDISON: Oct. 7 MK5K and Fun Run The Mary Kay Foundation hosts their annual fun run and walk to further its mission of ending women's cancer and domestic abuse. Mary Kay Headquarters, 16251 Dallas Pkwy. marykayfoundation.org 877-652-2737

ADDISON: Oct. 14-15 Wellness Expo The two-day event will offer more than 100 exhibit booths, 24 talks and demos, intuitive readings, bodywork and energy healing, holistic doctors, shopping, snacks, and more. Addison Conference Centre, 15650 Addison Road. wellnessexpo.net 972-925-9393

ADDISON: Oct. 28 Walk to Defeat ALS The ALS Association's biggest annual event. Vitruvian Park, 3966 Vitruvian Way. alsa-texas.org 972-924-9886

ARLINGTON: Sept. 23-Oct. 29 Six Flags Over Texas' Fright Fest The annual frightening festival is back for the Halloween season with horrific thrills. Six Flags Over Texas, 2201 Road to Six Flags. sixflags.com/overtexas 817-640-8900

ARLINGTON: Oct. 6-7 After Dark in the Park This family-friendly fall festival and fundraiser features storytelling, karaoke, a pumpkin patch, animal encounters, bounce houses, and a variety of children's games, crafts, and activities. River Legacy Living Science Center, 703 NW Green Oaks Blvd. riverlegacy.org 817-860-6752

ARLINGTON: Oct. 19-Jan. 14 "Salvador Dali" Enjoy selected works from the legendary surrealist artist. Arlington Museum of Art, 201 W. Main St. arlingtonmuseum.org 817-275-4600

BELLVILLE: Oct. 7 Market Day on the Square Arts, crafts, antiques, and collectibles in addition to great food and live entertainment in a relaxing atmosphere. Vendors set up their wares around the historic courthouse square. Historic Downtown Bellville, Main Street. bellville.com 979-865-3407

BELLVILLE: Oct. 11-15 Austin County Fair The 90th annual fair offers a PRCA Rodeo, a youth livestock show and auction, a carnival, and Nashville recording artists. Austin County Fairgrounds, 1076 E. Hill St. austincountyfair.com 979-865-5995

BELLVILLE: Oct. 26-28 Pickin' and Grinnin' Festival Three days of great bluegrass music at its best. Festival entertainers from all over the country come to perform America's music. Choushatte RV Ranch, 2812 Nelius Road. txbluegrassmusic.com 936-697-5949

BONHAM: Oct. 4-7 Fannin County Fair Booths, vendors, carnival rides, and more activities for the whole family to enjoy. Fannin County Multi-Purpose Complex, FM 87 and Texas 56. visitbonham.com 903-583-9830

BONHAM: Oct. 12-14 Fannin County Fair Crafts, vendors, a carnival, and fun for the whole family. Eldon Harrison Building, 1413 Silo Road, Apt. 602. 903-583-9830

BONHAM: Oct. 21 Festival of Flight Airplanes, vendors, and fun for the whole family. Texas 78. visitbonham.com 903-583-9830

BONHAM: Oct. 28 Archeology Month Open House Archeological materials will be on display. Refreshments and free admission from 1 to 3 p.m. Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site, 890 Texas 56. visitsamrayburnhouse.com 903-583-5558

BONHAM: Oct. 28 Cemetery Walking Tour at Willow Wild Cemetery Learn about the characters that made Bonham great. Refreshments included at this free event. Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site, 890 Texas 56. visitsamrayburnhouse.com 903-583-5558

BOWIE: Oct. 7 Chicken and Bread Days Heritage Festival This family-friendly event features live entertainment, a fiddlers' contest, antique cars, an art exhibition, history and heritage exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, a bike ride, and other activities. Downtown Bowie, Smythe and Tarrant streets. cityofbowietx.com 940-872-6246

BRYAN: Oct. 3-8 Michelle Lynn Holsey Annual Cutting and Benefit A benefit dinner and auction on Saturday evening is followed by a concert with country artist Mark Wills. Public transportation from Crockett available. Brazos County Expo Complex, 5827 Leonard Road. michellelynnholsey.com

CLEBURNE: Sept. 15-30, Oct. 1 "Arsenic and Old Lace" Carnegie Players present this classic play. A drama critic learns on his wedding day that his beloved maiden aunts are homicidal maniacs, and that insanity runs in his family. Performing Arts Center, 1501 W. Henderson. carnegieplayers.org 682-317-3644

CLEBURNE: Sept. 15-30, Oct. 5-7 "Treasure Island" Plaza Theatre Company presents this stunning yarn of piracy on the tropical seas. At the center of it all is Jim Hawkins, a 14-year-old boy who longs for adventure, and the infamous Long John Silver, who is a complex study of good and evil, perhaps the most famous hero-villain of all time. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

CLEBURNE: Oct. 7 "Albert and Gage" The Austin duo—Christine Albert and Chris Gage—show off their musical chemistry as they travel through their musical roots, moving from country and folk to blues and French chansons. The integrity of their musicianship and the rare blend of their voices create a unique and cohesive sound as Gage effortlessly switches from guitar to piano and accordion throughout the set. Songbird Live!, 210 E Henderson. songbirdlive.com 817-489-4840

CLEBURNE: Oct. 13-28, Nov. 2-11 "Zorro the Musical" This new musical retells the dramatic tale of a romantic hero with extraordinary aerial acrobatics, spectacular sword-fighting, and incredible magic—all set to the famous red-hot Gipsy King beat brought to the stage with the authentic colors of traditional flamenco. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

CLEBURNE: Oct. 21 "Me and My Monkey" The premier Beatles tribute band in Texas. Songbird Live!, 210 E Henderson. songbirdlive.com 817-489-4840

CLEBURNE: Oct. 24 Brazos Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert Enjoy an evening with friends and family as this 50-piece orchestra plays an eclectic blend of orchestral music, including classical, big band, movie tunes, Americana, and pop. Show is free of charge. First Baptist Church, 414 N. Main. 817-645-2455

CLIFTON: Oct. 28 Texas Troubadour Songwriter Classic with Eddy Raven Eddy Raven will judge and perform at the fifth annual event. Each finalist performs two original songs, with the judge and audience selecting the winners of the awards for Texas Troubadour (\$1,500) and People's Choice (\$500), respectively. Bosque Arts Center, 215 S. College Hill Dr. bosqueartscenter.org 254-675-3724

COLLEGE STATION: Through Jan. 8, 2018 "The Legacy of Ranching: Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future" Through diversification in agribusiness, the discovery of oil and gas, or success in other business ventures, the families who built Texas' historic ranches survived. The exhibit will highlight examples of historic Texas ranches that have endured to the present day and will provide an educational overview of how the livestock industries helped shape the state. George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, 1000 George Bush Dr. bush41.org 979-691-4000

COLLEGE STATION: Oct. 31 Trick or Treat at Werewolf Creek Wolf Pen Creek Park will transform into a 5-acre, trick-or-treating paradise for Halloween night. Dozens of candy booths will be providing free treats throughout the festival site, which will also feature carnival games, face painting, petting zoo, joy jumps, and more for free admission. Guests may bring their own refreshments, but coolers must be 48 quarts or smaller; alcohol, glass containers, and pets are not allowed. Food vendors will also be available. Wolf Pen Creek Park, 1015 Colgate Dr. cstx.gov/halloween 979-764-3486

CORSICANA: Oct. 3-27 Piecemakers' Quilt Show The 37th annual judged quilt show features approximately 100 quilts. Classes during the show. The Warehouse Living Arts Center, 119 W. Sixth Ave. corsicanaquiltguild.com 214-783-2721

CRANFILLS GAP: Oct. 21 Bacon Bash Texas One of the largest bacon cookoffs in the nation, featuring 50 professional and backyard chefs battling it out to make the best bacon dish. Taste bacon funnel cake, bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin, and everything in between. The event features Texas wineries, craft breweries, the ultimate Bloody Mary bar, and a great lineup of Texas country artists. Street Party, 319 Third St. baconbashtexas.com 325-356-3999

DALLAS: Through Nov. 12 "Shaken, Stirred, Styled: The Art of the Cocktail" The Dallas Museum of Art dipped into its design collection to create a visual history of the cocktail, from 19th-century punch bowls to James Bond-worthy shakers. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. dma.org 214-922-1200

DALLAS: Sept. 20-Nov. 1 Night Fever: Fashions from Funk to Disco An exhibition of fashion from the 1970s, featuring more than 75 authentic garments and accessories from this iconic decade. Curated by Ken Weber of Vintage Martini, the exhibit will feature a diverse collection of American, French, Italian, and Japanese couture designers, including work by Oscar de la Renta, Hanae Mori, Yves Saint Laurent, and Roberto Cavalli. Galleria Dallas, 13350 Dallas Pkwy. galleriadallas.com

DALLAS: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Bishop Arts District Tours Sample the fun and fare of this unique neighborhood during walking tours of the eclectic and amazing Bishop Arts District. Slip into colorful galleries and shops, and stop at great eateries including one that is the pitmaster's choice for Best BBQ in Dallas—and a place where you can make your own tableside s'mores. Veracruz Cafe, 400 N. Bishop Ave. dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997

DALLAS: Oct. 4 Sammons Jazz Showcasing the many styles of jazz performed by top local musicians in a historic setting. Every concert consists of two sets performed by two bands. Admission includes valet parking, a light dinner, and beverages. Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. sammonsjazz.com 214-520-7788

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DALLAS: Oct. 6 Burgers and Burgundy Join DIFFA/Dallas for one of Dallas' best culinary traditions where John Tesar and other celebrity chefs will showcase their signature sliders and savory wines. The night will also include the reveal of the 2018 Style Council Ambassadors accompanied by vibrant musical entertainment, making it a one-of-a-kind celebration. Giant Eyeball, Downtown Dallas, 1601 Main St. diffadallas.org 214-748-8580

DALLAS: Oct. 6-8 CAF Wings Over Dallas One of the top air shows in the United States, this premier Dallas event is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft along with the thrills of modern aviation. Dallas Executive Airport, 5303 Challenger Dr. wingsoverdallas.org 888-945-3008

DALLAS: Oct. 8, 14, 28 The Hidden Dallas Tour Cruise to some secret places in Dallas and check out extraordinary scenic, cultural, and architectural treasures—from giant teddy bears to hidden rooms. Discover some great neighborhoods and historic landmarks, stopping along the way for delicious snacks at "insider" culinary gems. Krispy Kreme, 5118 Greenville Ave. dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997

DALLAS: Oct. 13-14 Park and Palate Klyde Warren Park will host its third annual fundraiser, a celebration of Texas' culinary scene. The event will showcase the region's most popular chefs such as Kent Rathbun and Jason Dady, as well as wineries, breweries, and spirits from around the world, all against the backdrop of the distinctive Dallas skyline. Klyde Warren Park, 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 403. parkandpalate.org 214-716-4500

DALLAS: Oct. 20 Dallas Women's Foundation Luncheon The largest regional women's fund in the world holds its 32nd annual luncheon with a keynote speaker to raise funds for the organization to advance positive social and economic change for women and girls. Past speakers have included Eva Longoria and Candy Chang. Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway. dallaswomensfdn.org 214-525-5314

DALLAS: Oct. 26 Tall Tales Enjoy story time on the GeO-Deck every month. Children's librarians from the Dallas Public Library will present fun for ages 2-5 who love to jump around, hear a story, and sing a song. Seating is lounge inspired and will fill quickly. Reunion Tower, 300 Reunion Blvd. reuniontower.com 214-712-7040

DALLAS: Oct. 29 Kosher Barbecue Championship Under the supervision of rabbinical experts and the world-renowned Kansas City Barbecue Society, teams from around Texas and beyond will compete in a delectable, family-friendly event. The third annual festival includes music from Counterfeit Radio, great food, a play zone for kids, barbecue

preparation and judging, award presentations, and more. Sunnyland Patio Furniture, 7879 Spring Valley Road. dallaskosherbbq.com 972-239-3716

DECATUR: Oct. 7 Cruise Nights on the Courthouse Square A classic car show around the Wise County Courthouse, with stores and restaurants open late for visitors. Downtown Decatur, 101 N. Trinity St. 940-399-9558

DENISON: Oct. 7 Fall Festival Held the first Saturday in October, the festival is an action-packed day for the entire family, featuring arts and crafts booths, food vendors offering shoppers yummy festival food, games and carnival rides to entertain the kids, live music at Heritage Park, a vintage car show, children's activities, and more. 200-700 Blocks of Main Street. denisonfallfest.com 903-465-1551

DENISON: Oct. 14 Eisenhower Birthday Celebration Celebrate Dwight Eisenhower's birth in Denison with activities, displays, entertainment, and free tours of the birthplace house. Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

DENISON: Oct. 28-29 Texas Archeology Month: "Lost Neighborhood" Self-Guided Tours Take a self-guided tour of the neighborhood that once surrounded the birthplace house at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site. These houses are gone, but their outlines will be drawn on the ground where they once stood. Pick up a tour program in the Visitors Center to find out what archeologists and historians have learned about these "lost" places. Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

DENTON: Oct. 7 Dog Days of Denton A Texas original festival for pooches and their people. It's a celebration of man's best friend. Events include dog parade, dog show, stupid pet tricks, dog/owner digging contest, and "Glamfur Shots" of your pet, dog/master look-alike contest, dog 'n disc, fly ball and agility demonstrations, arts and crafts booths, festival foods, and more. North Texas State Fair Grounds, 2217 N. Carroll Blvd. dentondogdays.com 940-218-1560

DENTON: Oct. 7 North Texas Horse Country Tour The central region of North Texas is home to a diverse population of horses spread among some 400 horse farms and ranches. Virtually every equine breed and discipline is represented within the more than 30,000 horses. From ranch to ranch, visitors meander their way among a breathtaking variety of some of the country's finest horses. DATCU Employee Parking Lot, 210 S. Elm St. 940-382-7895

DENTON: Oct. 22 Industrial Street Pop Festival A far-out event that features tribute music from the '60s and '70s. Industrial Street District, 103 Industrial St. facebook.com/geezerpalooza 940-218-1815

DENTON: Oct. 28 Day of the Dead Festival A wonderful smorgasbord, paying homage to many of fall's treasures such as cooler weather, the harvest, the celebration of Dia de los Muertos, and all things Halloween. Be prepared for a free family-friendly event full of fun activities, including a pumpkin patch, coffin races, and a lantern-lit parade. Industrial Street District, 103 Industrial St. dentondayofthedeafestival.com 940-218-1815

DUNCANVILLE: Oct. 28 Fourth Saturday Cultural Event A cultural movie is presented on the fourth Saturday of every other month, while a country-specific dinner and entertainment are presented on the alternate month. Museum of International Cultures, 411 US 67. internationalmuseumofcultures.org 972-572-0462

EDOM: Oct. 14-15 Art Festival For more than 45 years, this small artists' community has hosted a festival for working artists presenting their talents to an appreciative audience of gifters and collectors. The festival is the premier art show in East Texas. High quality art, fine crafts, live music, and great food fill the festival grounds behind the resident artists' studios on the one main street in town. FM 279 at FM 314. visitedom.com 903-852-6473

ELGIN: Oct. 3 National Night Out Neighborhoods throughout Elgin are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide for this event. Elgin police officers and city officials visit neighborhoods in support of building a community partnership. Residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Oct. 12 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through downtown stores. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists and live music in many of the storefronts. Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Oct. 26 Pearls Before Swine Art Show and Hogalicious Dessert Contest This art show kicks off the annual Hogeye Festival every year with the area's finest artists. elginartsassociation.com

ELGIN: Oct. 27-28 Hogeye Festival The 30th annual festival will feature a Friday night street dance, food, kids activities, handmade arts and crafts, live music on three stages, and plenty of pig puns. Events include a children's pet parade, a car show, a barbecue pork-off,

a carnival, cow patty bingo, and a hogalicious dessert contest. Historic Downtown Elgin. hogeyefestival.com

ELGIN: Oct. 31 Halloween Safe Trick or Treat Trail Local businesses pass out treats and provide activities for trick-or-treaters. This safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating is a popular event for the kids. Veterans' Memorial Park. elgintx.com

ENNIS: Oct. 12-15 AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals The fastest race in Texas—held at an all-concrete quarter-mile drag racing facility—features some of the biggest names in racing, including the winningest driver in motorsports history, John Force; and Austin resident Tony Schumacher. Texas Motorplex, 7500 US 287. texasmotorplex.com 972-878-2641

ENNIS: Oct. 12 PreStage Fan Fest The city of Ennis and Texas Motorplex are partnering up for another family-friendly festival downtown in advance of the AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals. Fans can wander between NHRA pro and sportsman cars, food trucks, music, and more. Downtown Ennis, 119 N. Dallas St. visitennis.org 972-878-4748

ENNIS: Oct. 13-28 "The Addams Family" Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents. Ennis Public Theatre, 113 Dallas St. ennispublictheatre.com 972-878-7529

ENNIS: Oct. 21 Fall Festival Food, fun, and family entertainment in historic downtown Ennis. 119 N. Dallas St. visitennis.org 972-878-4748

ENNIS: Oct. 28 Monster Mash 5K Dash and Fun Run Halloween family fun includes a 5K and 1-mile fun run through the historic Preston Street neighborhood, ending at the Ennis Farmers Market where they will be celebrating the close of their season with live music, food and craft vendors, and trick-or-treating. Come dressed as your favorite ghost or goblin for this fun-filled event. Downtown Ennis, 119 N. Dallas St. ymcadallas.org/ennis 214-415-7954

FARMERSVILLE: Oct. 7 Old Time Saturday Tractor Pull Teams from across the state will compete in two rounds of The Lone Star Garden Tractor Pulling Association's action, as a feature event of the Old Time Saturday festival. Don't miss the ground pounding action, as the drivers and machines test their limits on a 200-foot track. Rike Street Park, 100 S. Rike St. lsgtpa.com 972-782-6533

FLATONIA: Oct. 27-29 Czhlispiet 45 A nod to the region's Czech and German heritage, this three-day festival in the heart of Texas offers continuous live entertainment throughout the weekend, a carnival, strolling acts, grand parade, arts and crafts, food booths, and beverages. Competitions throughout the weekend include a chili and barbecue cookoff, 5K run/walk, egg toss, jalapeno-eating contest, beard-growing contest, hairy-leg contest, Halloween costume contest, and tricycle races. Downtown Flatonia, 100 E. N. Main St. flatoniachamber.com 361-865-3920

FORT WORTH: Sept. 23-Nov. 26 "Misty Keasler: Haunt" This series, which depicts 13 themed haunted houses across America, allows lingering looks—something that is not possible at actual haunts where visitors are shuttled through on a forced and darkened path—and the more we look, the more terrifying the scenes become. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. themodern.org 817-738-9215

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FORT WORTH: Oct. 27-29 Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering and Western Swing Festival A celebration of western heritage. Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, 140 E. Exchange Ave. redsteagallcowboygathering.com 817-444-5502

FORT WORTH: Oct. 28-29 Bell Helicopter Fort Worth Alliance Air Show One of the nation's premier air shows draws the best in aviation talent and ground activities. The US Navy Blue Angels team will be performing mid to late afternoon. Fort Worth Alliance Airport, 2221 Alliance Blvd. allianceairshow.com 800-318-9268

FORT WORTH: Oct. 28-29 Oakwood Cemetery Tour A guided walk offers stories of the famous characters in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery, 701 Grand Ave. stockyardsmuseum.org 817-625-5082

GAINESVILLE: Oct. 14 Remembrance of the Great Hanging The 11th annual event commemorates the controversial "Great Hanging" of 1862, when conflict between the local Confederates and suspected Union sympathizers resulted in the execution of 42 men. At 3 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts' NCTC Gainesville Campus, local actors will attempt to explain—not excuse—how events horribly spiraled out of control. A short documentary film of the story will be shown after the readings. Afterward, meet at the Great Hanging Memorial at Bass Park for the reading of each name, followed by the tolling of a 30-inch cast iron bell. Various locations. greathanging1862.com 940-372-8835

GARLAND: Oct. 7, 21 The Marketplace Downtown Square An outdoor market with fresh local produce, culinary items, and artisan/craftsman vendors. Downtown Garland, 150 N. Sixth St. themarketplacedfw.com

GARLAND: Oct. 14 Urban Flea This outdoor market features vintage and homemade vendors, live music,

and food trucks—joining forces with Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery. Downtown Garland, 150 N. Sixth St. intrinsicbrewing.com or theurbanfleatx.com

GARLAND: Oct. 21 Rockin' the Square: A Historic Block Party Downtown Garland will celebrate its recent listing on the National Register of Historic Places with live music acts, food and beverages, and family fun. Downtown Garland, 150 N. Sixth St. 972-205-2750

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 1-Nov. 4 "The Promise" This long-running outdoor musical combines a 150-person cast and crew, live animals, and special effects to tell the story of Jesus Christ every Friday and Saturday night. Texas Amphitheater, 5000 Texas Ave. thepromiseglenrose.com 254-897-3926

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Gospel Grass Festival Enjoy a festival with entirely gospel bluesgrass music from seven bands. RV spots and cabins for rent. Oakdale Park, 1019 N. Barnard St. 817-901-7100

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 5-7 Fall Bluegrass Festival Three days of local and national bluegrass bands. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-2321

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 6 Discovery After Dark This nighttime guided wildlife tour includes admission to the self-guided scenic wildlife tour. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 7 One-Day Photo Workshop This wildlife photography workshop features hands-on instruction, hours of photo game drives, and work review with noted outdoor photographers Brian and Shirley Loflin. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 7, 21 Photo Tour These guided wildlife tours are geared toward photographers to provide the

best-possible light. View more than 50 species on 1,800 acres. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 9 Nature Journaling At this workshop and tour, homeschoolers and others learn/practice four nature journaling techniques in a beautiful setting. Then, enjoy a tour with stops at selected sites to practice what you've learned. Registration required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 14-15 Fall Wood Carving Show and Sale Judged show and artwork sale. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-3081

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 14 Sweetest Day Safari Dinner and Tour A romantic event with a three-course candlelight dinner overlooking a watering hole, with a live singer and evening wildlife tour. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 3022 CR 2010. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 16-20 Fall Wood Carving Classes Learn from experienced woodcarvers. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-3081

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 21 Beautiful Bountiful Biomes! For this class and tour, homeschoolers and others discover in a hands-on way what biomes are, what they have in common, and what makes them unique. Registration required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 21 Family Fossil Dig After an intro to fossils, load into a tour vehicle and head to the fossil pits. You'll be able to keep at least a couple of the fossils you find, plus a full guided wildlife tour is included. All ages welcome. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 21 Girl's Night Out on the Square Shops are open late in the historic downtown square. Enjoy prizes, drinks, and snacks during your shopping spree. Downtown Glen Rose, 102 Walnut St. 307-631-4106

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 21 Third Weekend Bluegrass Enjoy the sounds of bluegrass music throughout the park. Includes a pickin' and grinnin' jam session followed by a band performing. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-2321

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 21-22 Two-Day Photo Workshop This wildlife photography workshop features hands-on instruction, multiple photo game drives, and work review. Meals, lodging, and a behind-the-scenes tour are included. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 3022 CR 2010. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 27-29 Fossilmania Fossil deals from around the country. Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd. glenroseexpo.org 817-279-3677

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 28 CAC Spooktacular Halloween Extravaganza The Children's Animal Center puts on a free Halloween event that includes goats doing tricks for treats, a jack-o'-lantern contest, creepy crawlers, face painting, and more. Donations welcome. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 28 Discovery After Dark Immediately after the Halloween Spooktacular, enjoy the evening beauty of Fossil Rim with an after-dark adventure using spotlights. Price also includes admission to Scenic Wildlife Drive. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 28 Family Hike and Tour Take a 90-minute hike on a nature trail followed by a guided

wildlife tour of the park. Registration required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Oct. 31 Boo in the Park Trick-or-treat in the park and enjoy plenty of Halloween activities. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-2321

GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 28-Oct. 1 Mid-Autumn Festival A way to preserve traditions and promote cultures. Take your picture with a huge moon cake, participate in an art contest, win prizes, and more. Asia Times Square, 2625 W. Pioneer Pkwy. asiatimesquare.com 972-988-8811

GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 6-8 "Sweeney Todd" One of the darkest musicals ever written tells the unsettling tale of a Victorian-era barber who returns home to London after 15 years of exile to take revenge on the corrupt judge who ruined his life. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. artsgp.org 972-642-2787

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28 Quarter Horse Racing Catch the fun and excitement of live quarter horse racing every Thursday through Saturday this fall. Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Pkwy. lonestarpark.com 972-263-7223

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 7 Kid's Fishing Day Free to children 16 and under. The lagoon will be stocked with catfish, and ribbons will be handed out to each participant. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available. Mike Lewis Park Pond, 2410 N. Carrier Pkwy. grandfungp.com 972-237-8100

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 14 "Twist of Lemon" An evening based on Chris Lemmon's book—which chronicles the life of his father and Hollywood star Jack Lemmon. Music, laughter, and more will fill the night. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. uptowntheatergp.com 972-237-8786

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 14-15 Brew and Barbecue Fest A free two-day festival filled with award-winning barbecue, live music from the Chris Rivers Band, tips from the best grillmasters, and more. Traders Village, 2606 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie 972-647-2331

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 14 Fall Masquerade Casino Night Feeling lucky? Take a chance and join this evening of fun inside the Prairie Lights Tent. Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy. grandprairiechamber.org 972-264-1558

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 28 The Power of Love The sax man for Prince Marcus Anderson performs with European soul/jazz sensation Marc Staggers, rising star Deon Q., and vocalist Jacob Serano. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. poweroflovelive.com 214-641-7695

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 29 Boo Bash Throw on your best Halloween costume and get ready to do the Monster Mash at the biggest free spooktacular for kids in the Metroplex. Traders Village, 2606 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie 972-647-2331

GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 31 Street N' Treat Participants will enjoy free games and trick-or-treating. Prepare to dress to impress, ask "trick-or-treat," and bring a large bucket for candy. Market Square, 120 W. Main St. gptx.org/farmersmarket 972-237-4559

GRAPEVINE: Oct. 13 Nash Farm Barn Dance Swing you partner round and round at this year's dance. This fun-filled event will feature a live band with a caller, a special fried chicken dinner, and a pie auction to boot. Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. nashfarm.org 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Oct. 14 Butterfly Flutterby At this free annual event, guests are given the rare opportunity to release hundreds of monarch butterflies. Kids can also

register to participate in a costume parade beginning at East Wall and Jenkins streets. Pets are encouraged to participate as well. Grapevine Botanical at Heritage Park, 411 Ball St. 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Oct. 14 Fall Round-Up Experience life on the farm at the 17th annual event. Activities include kitchen gardening, live music, blacksmith and wood carving demonstrations, cotton picking, heritage toys, heritage games, wood-burning stove cooking demonstrations, and a petting zoo. Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. nashfarm.org 817-410-3185

GREENVILLE: Oct. 6-7 A Harvest of Quilts The annual show, sponsored by The Cotton Patch Quilt Guild, includes quilt displays, a silent auction, quilt raffle, appraisals, and more. Wesley United Methodist Church, 5302 Texas 69. cottonpatchquilt.com 503-428-8445

GREENVILLE: Oct. 13-15 Bob Wills Fiddle Festival and Contest The fourth annual festival features top fiddlers from across the nation to compete for cash prizes as well as headliner western swing concerts, a street dance, and more. Downtown Greenville, Lee and Washington streets. greenvillechamber.com 903-457-3126

HALLETTSVILLE: Through Nov. 30, 2018 "Texas in World War I" Features a series of programs and exhibits on various topics relating to Texas and its role in World War I. Fiench Simpson Memorial Library, 705 E. Fourth St. hallettsvillelibrary.org 361-798-3243 ext. 208

HALLETTSVILLE: Oct. 21 Route 77 Art Show Art and handmade crafts. Knights of Columbus Beer Hall, 321 US 77. sctxartleague.com 210-274-2758

HILLSBORO: Oct. 14 Second Saturday Downtown Flea Market From May through October, the Hill County Courthouse Square features great local artisans and vendors selling their goods along Franklin Street. There is not a cost or sign up to set up as a vendor. Those interested just need to set up in the parking spaces on the north side of the courthouse by 8 a.m. each second Saturday. Hill County Courthouse Square, 1 N. Waco St. hillsboromainstreet.org 254-582-5499

KAUFMAN: Oct. 27-28 Scarecrow Festival Includes a parade, two stages with entertainment like Kadie Lynn and the Gimbles, more than 100 vendors, and rides for kids. Kaufman City Square. kaufmanchamber.com 972-932-3118

LA GRANGE: Oct. 7 Oktoberfest on the Square More than 100 varieties of craft beer, authentic German cuisine like sausage and pork schnitzel, children's activities and live music. Adult admission price includes 12 samples of craft beer along with a commemorative beer mug. Fayette County Courthouse Square, 151 N. Washington St. visitlagrangetx.com 979-968-3017

LA GRANGE: Oct. 31 Trick or Treat on the Square This annual event gives youngsters a safe place to go door to door for candy and to show off their costumes. Additionally, the Square will feature live music and children's activities including balloon animals, face painting, snow cones, and Halloween games including a bean bag toss and bowling. Fayette County Courthouse Square, 151 N. Washington St. visitlagrangetx.com 979-968-3017

LEWISVILLE: Oct. 13-14 Le Ballet de Dracula Dracula and his brides spellbind audiences with chilling special effects, hypnotizing music, amazing sets, and beautiful costumes for this production from Lake Cities Ballet Theatre. Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theatre, 100 N. Charles St. lakecitiesballet.org 972-317-7987

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LIPAN: Oct. 21 Classic Car Show and Kick-A-Poo Festival This classic car show is free and open to the public. Push it, pull it, or tow it in, and they will register you. Proceeds from the car show go to the D&D Rockin' Rods Family and Friends Christmas for Kids. All events subject to weather conditions. 200 Caddo St. ddrockinrods.com 817-797-1197

LOCKHART: Oct. 21-22 Speaking of the Dead: Night Ramblings in a Texas Graveyard Take a trailer ride to a cemetery where actors will give history tours of past Caldwell County citizens. Lockhart City Park, City Park Road. 512-626-1637

MADISONVILLE: Oct. 3 National Night Out Head outside for an evening of fun and fellowship with local law enforcement and the fire department. Free food, entertainment and kids' activities will be offered throughout the night. Lake Madison Park, 1215 E. Collard St. madisonvilletexas.us 936-348-2748

MADISONVILLE: Oct. 13 Texas Mushroom Festival Enjoy a Champagne social, dinner, and auction on Friday at the Woodbine Hotel and Restaurant. Saturday offers cooking demonstrations, mushroom fajitas and other delicious foods, a car showcase, photography and art contests, a 5K run/walk, Texas wine and craft beer tastings, a quilt show, arts and crafts, children's activities, and entertainment. Various locations. texasmushroomfestival.com 877-908-8808

MCKINNEY: Sept. 2-Feb. 18 Dinosaurs Live! An annual exhibit featuring animatronic dinosaurs stationed along nature trails. Closed Mondays. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. heardmuseum.org 972-562-5566

MCKINNEY: Oct. 1 Free Fall Band Concert Fans of wind band music will enjoy this free concert by the all-volunteer McKinney Community Band at the Courtroom Theatre. McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee. mckinneyband.com 972-547-2650

MCKINNEY: Oct. 13-15 Third Monday Trade Days One of the largest flea markets in North Texas, it features more than 450 vendors. 4550 W. University (US 380). tmtdd.com 972-562-5466

MCKINNEY: Oct. 31 Scare on the Square This annual event has grown to hundreds of trick-or-treaters enjoying hayrides, treats, and a safe Halloween event for the whole family. Streets are closed off for trick-or-treaters to cross the street safely, going shop to shop for goodies. Downtown McKinney, 111 N. Tennessee. downtownmckinney.com 972-547-2660

MESQUITE: Oct. 1-29 Jennifer Estes Gallery Exhibition Galleries are open Monday through Friday and during events. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Oct. 6-7 Enduro Race—Lonestar 600 The fourth annual endurance race features 300 laps each night for a total of 600 laps. Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. devilsbowl.com 972-222-2421

MESQUITE: Oct. 7 Mesquite Community Band Concert Conducted by Dr. Stephen Shoop. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitecommunityband.com 972-216-8125

MESQUITE: Oct. 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 "The Mystery of Irma Vep—A Penny Dreadful" This spoof of Gothic melodramas is a quick-change marathon in which two actors play all the roles. A sympathetic werewolf, a vampire, and an Egyptian princess brought to life when her tomb is opened make this a comedy perfect for the Halloween season. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre,

1527 N. Galloway. mesquitecommunitytheatre.com 972-216-8126

MESQUITE: Oct. 13-14 Treasures Barn Sale This fundraising sale features antiques, household goods, clothing, books, and more, all in the historic red barn. Opal Lawrence Historical Park Barn, 701 E. Kearney St. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: Oct. 14 Florence Ranch Homestead Tours Tour an early settler's homestead. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: Oct. 20-21 Winter Nationals The 44th annual auto race is held at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. devilsbowl.com 972-222-2421

MESQUITE: Oct. 21 Amazing Technicolor 5K Color Run This fun, family-friendly 5K is all about having a great time and making great memories, all benefitting the Mesquite ISD Education Foundation. No awards, no timing, just a lot of color and fun. Mesquite Convention Center and Exhibit Hall, 1750 Rodeo Dr. mesquitefoundation.org 972-882-7513

MESQUITE: Oct. 28 Cowboys of Color Finals Rodeo Enjoy the best in bull riding, calf roping, streeer wrestlin', and bronc bustin. You'll also find cultural entertainers, Buffalo Soldiers, charros, escaramuzas, ceremonial dancers, Tennessee Walking horses, Pony Express relays, wild horse races, ladies barrel racing, junior calf roping, and junior barrel racing. Features more than 200 culturally diverse cowboys and cowgirls competing for cash prizes. Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Dr. cowboysofcolorrodeo.com 972-285-8777

MESQUITE: Oct. 28 Day of the Dead Festival Celebrate the Day of the Dead with live music, face painting, cookie decorating, skull decorating, a community altar, food trucks, and more. Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Oct. 28 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours Visit the historic Lawrence family homestead and its unique painted ceilings. Tours also available by appointment. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: Oct. 28 Pumpkin Fest Enjoy contests, carnival games, bounce houses, community stage performances, and more. City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway. cityofmesquite.com/pard 972-216-6260

MIDLOTHIAN: Oct. 21 Fall Festival and 5K Run Event grounds are full with more than 200 booths of arts and crafts, artists, food vendors, and children's activities. Midlothian ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium, 1800 S. 14th St. midlothianchamber.org 972-723-8600

MOUNT VERNON: Oct. 14 CountryFest A country fair with pancake breakfast, live entertainment and music, artisan handcrafted goods, children's games, a car show, a stew cookoff, games, and food. Plaza District, 100 Main St. mvkeyclub.wordpress.com 903-466-4207

MOUNT VERNON: Oct. 27-28 Food and Wine Festival Friday offers a night under the Texas sky for the Harvest on Main four-course farm-to-table dinner including wine pairings. Saturday brings the Market on Main presenting high-end artisans with a culinary focus, cooking demonstrations from some of the top chefs in the state, live music, and many food vendors. Plaza District, 100 Main St. mtvernonfoodandwine.com 903-537-4070

NOCONA: Oct. 13-14 Nocona Nights Music Festival Two-day event features live music including a Nocona showcase. Veranda Inn Events Center, 1523 US 82. nocona-nights.org 940-825-3526

PARKER: Oct. 28 Muckfest to End MS Register and take on this muddy 5K obstacle course for charity. Bring your sneakers and a sense of humor, and be willing to get dirty. Proceeds benefit National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Spectators free. Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Dr. muckfestms.com 972-442-7800

PLANO: Sept. 14-Oct. 7 "Bus Stop" Based on the William Inge classic film starring Marilyn Monroe. A snow-storm leaves weary bus passengers holed up at a roadside diner overnight. Cherie is being pursued by a headstrong cowboy in love who's ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, alive and kicking, all the way to Montana to marry him. Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road, Suite 580. roverdramawerks.com 972-849-0358

PLANO: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Fall Plano Train Show Model railroad show featuring operating layouts, dealer displays, how-to clinics, and video displays. Door prizes. Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. dfwtrainshows.com 469-438-0741

PLANO: Oct. 12 Downtown Plano Art and Wine Walk Stroll the downtown Plano arts district, sampling different wines in shops and galleries, listening to street musicians, and checking out artists and their wares. Raffle prizes are drawn at 9:15 p.m. Downtown Plano Arts District, 998 E 15th St. visitplano.com 972-468-1588

PLANO: Oct. 14 One Day Only The 28th installment of Rover Dramawerks' signature play festival features five short plays from concept to curtain in just one day. Rover Dramawerks Theatre, 221 W. Parker Road, Suite 580. roverdramawerks.com 972-849-0358

PLANO: Oct. 14 Plano International Festival Explore cultures of the world and learn about art, food, music, dancing, and more with the Children's Global Village, yoga, a fashion show, wellness fair, naturalization ceremony, live entertainment, and more. Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. planointernationalfestival.org

PLANO: Oct. 20-Oct. 21 Plano Steinfest In the tradition of Oktoberfest, enjoy live music, an artist village, German food and beer, games, contests, commemorative steins, T-shirts, and more. Free admission. Food for purchase. McCall Plaza, 998 E. 15th St. visitplano.com 972-468-1588

PLANO: Oct. 21 Plano Haunt Jaunt 5K and Fun Run Grab your costume and join the fun at this Halloween-themed night race. Enjoy a family-friendly 1-mile fun run, or a timed 5K race. Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. plano.gov 972-941-7288

PLANO: Oct. 28-Nov. 18 "Sherlock Holmes and the West End Horror" A theatre critic has been murdered, and Holmes and Watson are soon visited by aspiring Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, who entices Holmes to take the case. Featuring some of the most famous literary luminaries of the day, this is a rollicking whodunit. Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road, Suite 580. roverdramawerks.com 972-849-0358

RICHARDSON: Oct. 7-8 Cottonwood Art Festival Established in 1969, the bi-annual event features works from some of the nation's top visual artists. A juried show with 240 artists, Cottonwood showcases art media in 14 different categories such as 2D and 3D mixed media, ceramics, digital, and drawings/pastels. The festival also features local bands and food available in the courtyard. There is also Artstop, an interactive children's creative playground featuring activities and arts and crafts for kids of all ages. Cottonwood Park, 1321 W. Belt Line Road. cottonwoodartfestival.com 972-744-4580

RICHARDSON: Oct. 9 Keyboard Conversations: Festive French Fare Renowned pianist Jeffrey Siegel speaks

briefly and informally to the audience before performing each composition, illustrating with a few pertinent musical examples from the keyboard. This program includes Debussy's Clair de Lune and Satie's Rag Time Prelude. Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON: Oct. 21 Plano Symphony: Ashley Brown on Broadway Plano Symphony welcomes guest vocalist Ashley Brown singing songs from "Mary Poppins," "The Lion King," and more. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. planosymphony.org 972-473-7262

RICHARDSON: Oct. 28-29 Huffhines Art Trails A fall tradition dating back to 1976, this arts and crafts show features 170 of the areas finest artisans. Patrons will find a variety of contemporary crafts, traditional crafts, and art in mediums that range from painting and pottery to glass, wood work, and jewelry. Huffhines Park, 1500 Apollo Road. huffhinesarttrails.com 972-744-4580

ROWLETT: Oct. 8 Multicultural Festival Cultures from all over the world come together to celebrate at this sixth annual event, which offers dance, food, and entertainment for all ages. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3905 Hickox Road. sacredheartrowlett.org 972-475-4405

ROXTON: Oct. 21 Roxton Saturday Night At the 13th annual day-long festival, Roxton steps back to the '30s and '40s, when people lined the streets on a Saturday night. Enjoy vendors, activities, games, contests, and entertainment. Museums open. Harrison Avenue. roxtontexas.com 903-346-2939

ROYSE CITY: Oct. 21 FunFest/MicroFest/RunFest Includes carnival rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, military vehicle rides, archery, games, a gunfight reenactment, pancake breakfast, 5K run, dunking booth, children's pageant, arts and crafts, doggie contest, and the Microfest Brew area. Downtown, Main and Arch streets. roysecitychamber.com 972-636-5000

SALADO: Oct. 7 Our Salado Heritage Speaks As the afternoon shadows slip into the dimness of evening, the Salado pioneers who are buried in the historic Old Salado Graveyard will come to life to tell their stories. Tablerock Amphitheater, 321 Royal St. tablerock.org 254-947-9205

SALADO: Oct. 13-14 Christmas in October This annual preview to the Christmas season will feature unique Christmas decorations, fall fashions from local and area merchants, jewelry, children clothing, food, gifts, and home decor specialty items. Plus, the Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale is always a wonderful part of Christmas in October. The Venue by Inn on the Creek, 306 College St. salado.com/calendar 254-947-5040

SALADO: Oct. 14, 21, 28 Tablerock's Fright Trail Tablerock's half-mile walking trail presents thrills and chills. Author's bios and skits from classic tales. Tablerock Amphitheater, 321 Royal St. tablerock.org 254-947-9205

SALADO: Oct. 21 Fall Pub Crawl Fun, friends, and beer at select Salado venues. Each ticket includes five stops with a 12-ounce draw of the featured beer. Various locations. salado.com/calendar 254-947-5040

SAN FELIPE: Oct. 1-31 181st Anniversary of Texas Independence Archeology-themed activities will be offered throughout the month, including dig box exercises for children, screening and artifact sorting activities, artifact reconstruction, and walking tours noting the layout of prominent buildings associated with famous early Texans. San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, 15945 FM 1458. visitsandelipedesustin.com 979-885-2181

SEALY: Oct. 14 The Main Street Market A farmers market with homemade, handmade, and

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SHINER: Oct. 21 Shiner Music Festival Enjoy a full day of music, food, and fun at the fourth annual festival. Experience the local Shiner hospitality and spend the day supporting Texas music while enjoying your favorite Shiner beverage. Green-Dickson Park, 65 CR 350. shinermusicfest.com

SMITHVILLE: Sept. 15-Nov. 4 Scream Hollow Wicked Halloween Park Includes three haunted houses: Mansion of Terror, Lost Pines Zombie City and Slaughter Circus. The park also has movies, retail, music, the Cackling Witch Cafe and Bakery, and the Rabid Bat Vampire Bar. Scream Hollow, 149 Split Rail Lane. screamhollow.com 512-710-8267

SMITHVILLE: Oct. 7 Citywide Garage Sale Includes more than 100 sites to shop in one day. Various locations. smithvilletx.org 512-237-2313

SMITHVILLE: Oct. 14 Texas Photo and Folk Music Festival The Smithville Film Commission invites all levels of photography enthusiasts, models and set builders to this event, which includes photo contests, a model contest, and an Instagram walk and contest. Downtown Smithville, Main Street. smithvilletx.org 512-237-2313

STEPHENVILLE: Oct. 14 Sundown on the Square Family-friendly festival features Texas musicians, local food vendors, beverages for all ages, children's activities, shopping, art exhibits, and more. Stephenville Courthouse Square, 100 Washington St. sundownsquare.com 254-965-5313

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Oct. 27-28 Hopkins County Fall Festival Arts and crafts, a cover girl contest, creative arts, commercial exhibits, a kids zone, BMX and science show, snake show, food vendors, carnival, live music, and more. Hopkins County Civic Center, 1200 Houston St. hopkinscountyfallfestival.com 903-243-1925

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Oct. 28 Hopkins County Stew Contest Celebrating its 48th year, more than 160 competitors will cook chicken or beef stew over open wood fires. Five bucks buys all-you-can-eat stew (while it lasts). Buford Park, 733 Connally St. hopkinschamber.org 903-885-6515

TEMPLE: Sept. 23-Oct. 29 The Robinson Family Farm—Pumpkin Patch Open Saturday and Sunday—weekdays are reserved for field trips/groups. Enjoy activities like hayrides, a corn maze, kiddie train, bounce houses, petting zoo, pumpkin chunkin', sand art, a gift shop, assorted pumpkins, and seasonal eats. The Robinson Family Farm, 3780 White Owl Lane. therobinsonfamilyfarm.com 254-931-9564

TEMPLE: Oct. 6 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, the heart of Temple becomes a big multi-block party. Enjoy street music and performances, great drinks, amazing food, and after-hours shopping. Downtown Temple. downtowntemple.com 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Oct. 14 Canvas and Cocktails Five local artists, selected quarterly, will be on hand to meet the public and discuss their works. As always, additional artwork by these featured artists will be displayed at select local restaurants and business venues throughout downtown Temple. Venue maps will be provided. Various locations. discovertemple.com 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Oct. 21 Haunted Walk-About Entertaining locals and visitors alike with a walking tour of spine-tingling ghost stories and darker history. Downtown Temple, 101 N. Main St. ci.temple.tx.us 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Oct. 25 Dead Poet Night A monthly open mic poetry night. Bring something to read to the group



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Silobration

Oct. 12-14 Magnolia Market (of HGTV's "Fixer Upper" fame) is celebrating the third anniversary of the market and silos. Enjoy a vendor fair, live music, great food trucks, and activities for the kids—and of course, shopping. Magnolia Market, 601 Webster Ave. magnoliamarket.com/silobration-2017

or just listen in. J. Cowboy Wine Bar, 13 E. Avenue B. downtowntemple.com 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Oct. 27 Food Truck Frenzy and Main Street Market Discover Downtown is mixing the monthly Food Truck Frenzy with the Main Street Market, to create another delicious event. Dine on some of Temple's very best food trucks, then stroll through the many arts and crafts vendors that will be set up along the way. These events are free and open to the public, however food, drink, and merchandise are for purchase. Downtown Temple, Plaza behind 2 N. Main St. downtowntemple.com 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Oct. 31 Main Street Fright Fest No tricks, only treats when you spend Halloween on Main Street. Vendors will line the streets to sell arts and crafts and food, as well as fun free activities for the children. Admission is two canned goods per family for Food for Families. Main Street. discovertemple.com 254-298-5900

VAN: Oct. 7, 14 Van Oil Pageant and Festival The annual pageant will be at the Van Jr. High Auditorium. The festival will be held in the parking lot of Van United Methodist Church the following Saturday, 630 S. Oak St.; 170 W. Main St. vantx.com 903-963-5051

WACO: Oct. 5-14 Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo Since 1953, this fair has been an annual tradition for thousands of Texans with professional rodeo events, craft and cooking competitions, a midway filled with exciting rides, and plenty of fair food. Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd. hotfair.com 254-776-1660

WACO: Oct. 6-8 Cultural Arts Fest This free festival features hands-on activities for all ages, along with visual art and entertainment both day and night. Poets, filmmakers, dancers, musicians, performers, and entertainers all have a turn during this eclectic festival—50 artists and more than 300 performers across three

days. Indian Spring Park, 101 S. University Parks Dr. wacoartsfest.org 254-723-6830

WACO: Oct. 27-28 Apple Tree Bazaar An arts and craft fair featuring the works of artisans 50 years of age and older. Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd. mowwaco.org 254-752-0316

WALLIS: Oct. 1 Fine Rides AutoFest A wide variety of custom, street rod, antique, classic, and specialty vehicles from near and far. Music, food, and activities for the whole family. Guardian Angel Church Grounds, 5610 Demel St. wallistexas.org 979-478-6712

WAXAHACHIE: Sept. 29-30, Oct. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 Screams Halloween Theme Park Explore a huge Halloween theme park with scores of professional actors, entertainment, games and food. 2511 FM 66. screamspark.com 972-938-3247

WAXAHACHIE: Oct. 6-8 Vintage Market Days An upscale vintage-inspired indoor/outdoor market. Ellis County Expo Center, 2300 US 287. socentraltexas.vintagemarkdays.com 918-606-2254

WAXAHACHIE: Oct. 7 Oddfest The third annual event includes art vendors, live music, and food. Singelton Plaza, 200 N. Rogers. waxa80.com 972-938-2062

WAXAHACHIE: Oct. 28 Texas Country Reporter Festival Features artists, craftsmen, music, and food from all over the Lone Star State—much of it featured on TCR over the years. Historic Downtown Waxahachie, 100 W. Main. waxahachiecvb.com 469-309-4040

WESTLAKE: Oct. 21 Classic Car Show The seventh annual show is dedicated to the golden era of the automobile—the first 50 years of automotive history, featuring 1909 to 1959 originals or restored to near original automobiles and trucks. No hot rods, no customs, no muscle cars, just true classics. Solana Club, 2902 Sam School Road. westlakeclassiccarshow.com 817-680-1422

WHITESBORO: Oct. 21 UMM Annual Barbecue Dinner The United Methodist Men annually host a barbecue fundraiser to support the church during the local Peanut Festival. Beef brisket is the cornerstone of the meal, served with all the fixins as well as their world-famous tea. The ladies of the church provide a wide variety of desserts to finish the meal. The FUMC is celebrating its 150-year anniversary in 2017. First United Methodist Church, 122 S. Union St. 817-908-7282

WHITNEY: Oct. 7 Pioneer Days The 42nd annual family day of fun including a carnival, arts and crafts booths, food vendors, live entertainment, a traditional parade, a wine tasting event, a 5K fun run, and more. Downtown. lakewhitneychamber.com 254-694-2540

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

ALICE: Oct. 7-8 Rod Run Pre-1970s car show with games, food, fun, and music for the entire family. JWC Fairgrounds, 3001 S. Johnson. alicetxchamber.org 361-664-3454

ALICE: Oct. 25-28 Jim Wells County Fair Features displays, vendors, exhibits, food, a carnival, rodeo, and a cookoff. JWC Fairgrounds, 3001 S. Johnson. alicetxchamber.org 361-664-3454

EDINBURG: Oct. 27 Los Muertos Bailan Festival An educational approach and opportunity to learn more about this fascinating tradition of Mexico. Spend the evening in a colorful tribute to loved ones. The festival will feature Mexican artisans with authentic handcrafted work, themed artistic paintings, delicious food booths,

live music, fun crafts, Dia de los Muertos costume contests, and more. Edinburg City Hall Courtyard, 415 W. University Dr. edinburgarts.com/losmuertosbailan 956-478-0341

FLORESVILLE: Oct. 5 Opry A family-friendly event for all who enjoy toe-tapping or dancing to live classic country music. Wilson County Show Barn Ball Room, 435 Texas 97. facebook.com/floresvilleopry 830-391-1062

GEORGE WEST: Oct. 21 Artisans Market Shop hundreds of artisan items including handcrafted jewelry, furniture, afghans, plants, wreaths, blankets, soaps, photography, South Texas oil paintings, and quilts. Food trucks on site. Buck West House, 400 N. Nueces. georgewest.org 361-449-2033

GOLIAD: Oct. 14 Filibusterers at the Presidio Get a firsthand look at a filibusterer soldier as he would have appeared during the numerous campaigns to wrest Texas from Spanish control circa 1812-1821. Visitors are encouraged to interact, ask questions, and learn more about life on campaign during this turbulent yet exciting period of Texas history. Presidio La Bahia, 217 Loop 71. presidiolabaha.org 361-645-3752

LA VERNIA: Sept. 23-Oct. 31 Corn Maze, Petting Zoo, Pumpkin Patch Enjoy a 10-acre corn maze with five miles of trail, a pumpkin patch with picture stations, a petting zoo with live baby animals, hay bales to climb, games to play, hayrides, and more. Circle N Maze, 558 CR 345. circlenmaze.com 210-274-3816

MCALLEN: Oct. 7-8 PalmFest Celebrating its 12th year, this event highlights the unique and vibrant history of Deep South Texas. More than 50,000 people are expected to come out for its major attractions, historical displays, art, family games, rides, cooking competitions and demonstrations, live entertainment, and diverse food and beverage. McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. palmfest.com 956-681-3800

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 21-Dec. 31 Fall Hudson Showroom and Main Space The Hudson Showroom, named after the Hudson automobile dealership that formerly occupied the space, features exhibitions that showcase work reflecting the organization's international scope. Previous featured artists include Jim Hodges, Catherine Opie, and Allen Ruppersberg. Artpace, 445 N. Main Ave. artpace.org 210-212-4900

SAN ANTONIO: Oct. 11 "Fore" the Blind Charity Scramble Following the American Blind Golf National Championship Tournament—a unique golfing experience where championship blind golfers come to San Antonio from all over the U.S., Canada, Scotland, and England to play—is this scramble where sighted golfers are paired with blind golfers. All proceeds benefit the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind and Vision Impaired. Republic Golf Club, 4226 SE Military Dr. salighthouse.org/events 210-531-1533

SAN ANTONIO: Oct. 21 Herb Market This educational and fun event features activities for children, seminars on growing and using herbs including cilantro—the international herb of the year, cooking demonstrations, and vendors and artisans offering herbal products and crafts. Pearl Brewery Farmers Market, 300 Pearl Pkwy. sanantonioherbmarket.org 866-923-2226

SAN ANTONIO: Oct. 27 Taste of Success Casino Night The fifth annual night of dining, dancing, and gaming also celebrates 15 years of empowering San Antonio's workforce to achieve upward economic mobility. Enjoy more than 30 tastes from local chefs and bars with energetic casino tables and a riveting silent auction. Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway. successfulconnections.org 210-737-1515



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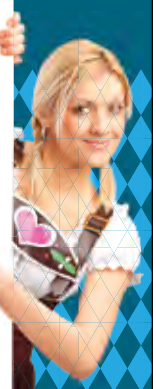
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PAINT THE TOWN

HUES OF EVERY color on the spectrum will cover the pavement surrounding **Houston's** Hermann Square at City Hall as the city reinvents its annual street painting festival, **Via Colori**. On **Nov. 18-19**, some 25,000 attendees will head to the 12th annual event to witness more than 200 Texan and international artists colorize the streets using pastel chalks, creating artwork that will remain for only two days. The event also offers live music, face painting, food trucks, and a VIP lounge. Proceeds benefit The Center for Hearing and Speech, a local organization that helps children with hearing loss learn to listen, speak, and read. The festival's theme, "70 Years in Color," will celebrate the center's 70 years of service. For more information, visit centerhearingandspeech.org/via-colori.



WEEKEND READING

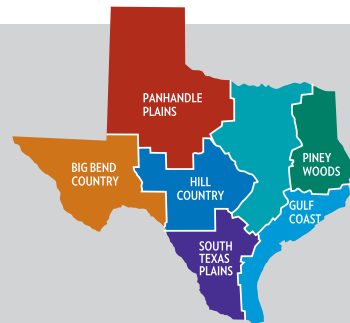
LEAGUES OF LITERATI will crowd the capital city **Nov. 4-5** for the 22nd annual **Texas Book Festival**. Founded in 1995 by former librarian and First Lady of Texas Laura Bush, the festival will attract an estimated 40,000 readers of all ages to meet more than 250 featured authors, such as Gail Simmons—"Top Chef" judge and author of a new cookbook for adventurous eaters—and Roger D. Hodge, former Harper's editor and author of a new book out in October: "Texas Blood: Seven Generations Among the Outlaws, Ranchers, Indians, Missionaries, Soldiers, and Smugglers of the Borderlands." In addition to author panels, signings, and vendor booths, **Austin's** free festival offers an opportunity to bike, run, kayak, and practice yoga on the Capitol lawn with select authors. New this year: birdwatching with Victor Emanuel. For more information, visit texasbookfestival.org.



CAPTURING THE FLAGS

THE SIX FLAGS of Texas are well known, but in **Nacogdoches**—the oldest town in Texas—three more flags found their way into the history books. The earliest of these lesser-known flags is an emerald banner for the Gutiérrez-Magee Expedition (1812 to 1813), a short-lived army that controlled territory east of San Antonio. The second flag, a red-striped Lone Star flag, represents Dr. James Long and his expedition to Nacogdoches from 1819 to 1821 before he was captured by Spanish troops and killed. And the third flag, carrying the words "Independence, Freedom, and Justice" belongs to the Republic of Fredonia, proclaimed by Texas settler Haden Edwards from 1826 to 1827 following the revocation of a land grant from the Mexican government. For more than two decades, the city has paid homage to its rebellious history with the **Nine Flags Festival**; the festivities kickoff the holiday season **Nov. 12-Dec. 9** with an installation of more than 3 million lights downtown. For more information, visit visitnacogdoches.org.

PHOTOS: (left) Hector Flores; (top) courtesy of Texas Book Festival; (above) Kevin Stillman



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Dates for events listed in this calendar are subject to change. Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: Nov. 10-11 Center For Big Bend Studies Conference This annual event brings together historians, archaeologists, folklorists, and other researchers studying the past and present of the Big Bend region and northern Mexico. Sul Ross State University Espino Center, Avenue B. cbbs.sulross.edu 432-837-8179

EL PASO: Nov. 18-19 Las Artistas Art and Fine Crafts Show Shop a diverse range of ceramics, jewelry, mixed media, paintings, and other art of 90-plus artists from El Paso and beyond. Visitors can speak with the makers and learn the story behind the art, as well as the techniques and inspiration used to create them. EPIC Railyard Event Center, 2201 E. Mills Ave. lasartistas.org 915-319-4541

ODESSA: Nov. 2-5 Merry Marketplace This Junior League of Odessa holiday shopping extravaganza features a variety of merchandise in a festive holiday setting. Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway. jlodessa.org 432-332-0095

ODESSA: Nov. 18-19 Tejano Super Car Show Six buildings are packed with all types of cars, trucks, motorcycles, model cars, and lowrider custom bicycles. Activities include stage entertainment, food booths, and commercial vendors selling aftermarket custom parts and other items. Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway. tejanosupercarshow.com 432-337-2189

VAN HORN: Nov. 24-Dec. 11 Trans Pecos Big Buck Tournament An annual desert mule deer tournament. Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway. vanhorn-texas.us 432-283-2682

GULF COAST

ARANSAS PASS: Nov. 11-12 Christmas By The Bay Shop art, gourmet food, clothing, Texas wine, home decor, gifts, and more. Aransas Pass Civic Center, 700 W. Wheeler. texasmarketguide.com 888-225-3427

BEAUMONT: Nov. 14-15 Paw Patrol Live! Hang out with Ryder and the gang as they patrol through Beaumont for the first time. Ford Park Entertainment Complex, 5115 I-10. fordpark.com 409-951-5400

CLEAR LAKE AREA: Nov. 11 Nutcracker Market Find treasures by the sleigh full with clothing, hand-made jewelry, home and garden decor, gourmet food, yard art, and more. Nassau Bay Hilton, 3000 NASA Parkway. southernstyleevents.net 281-467-3577

CLUTE: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 Planetarium Show Features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector to produce the night sky as it appears to the naked eye, together with a large variety of high-tech equipment to give a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. bcfas.org 979-265-3376

EDNA: Nov. 9-11 Texana Chili Spill The 17th annual event starts on Thursday with a veterans ceremony, appreciation dinner, and fireworks display. It continues with a cookoff on Friday and Saturday that includes salsa, sausage, margarita, Dutch oven, chili, seafood gumbo, and bean competitions. The activities include a kid's zone, horseshoe and washer tournament, and vendors. Brackenridge Recreation Complex Main Event Center, 284 Brackenridge Pkwy. texanachilispill.com 361-782-5229

FREEPORT: Nov. 23 Thanksgiving SuperFeast Community fellowship and Thanksgiving meal. Large screen TVs for the football games and activities for the kids. Freeport RiverPlace, 733 Mystery Harbor Lane. freeport.tx.us 979-233-3526

FREEPORT: Nov. 25 Schuster Home Open House Built by the Schuster family in 1917, the same year the city of Freeport was incorporated, this home was a special place for family gatherings and holidays. The home serves as an example of family life during the founding of Freeport. Schuster Home, 1130 W. Second. 979-297-0868

GALVESTON: Nov. 2-5 Lone Star Motorcycle Rally The largest four-day motorcycle rally in the country makes its way to Galveston. More than 500,000 motorcyclists are expected to attend the 16th annual event. Downtown Galveston. lonestarrally.com

GALVESTON: Nov. 11-19 Brushes by the Beach Plein Air Painting Competition and Workshop Open plein air painting event gives attendees seven beautiful days to paint Galveston Island and compete for cash prizes. There will be a workshop with nationally recognized plein air artist Lawrence Rudolech. From beach to bay, historic homes and a working port, Galveston affords artists a myriad of challenging subjects. G. Lee Gallery, 2215 Post Office St. gleegallery.net 409-370-7350

GALVESTON: Nov. 12 An Evening with Sophia Loren Of all the foreign sex symbols to explode on the American screen in the 1950s, Sophia Loren is the most iconic and the most enduring. Rescheduled from the spring, the Oscar-winning actress will captivate with an intimate onstage conversation featuring former "Entertainment Tonight" host Bill Harris, along with film clips, home movies, and a Q&A session with the audience. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Nov. 14 A Very Electric Christmas Presented by Lightwire Theatre, audiences of all ages will treasure this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship, and hope set to timeless holiday hits by artists including Nat King Cole, Mariah Carey, and Tchaikovsky. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Nov. 18-19 "Stomp" A unique combination of percussion, movement, and visual comedy—a contemporary form of rhythmic expression. Household and industrial objects find new life as musical instruments in the hands of an idiosyncratic band of body percussionists. Experience a journey through sound, a celebration of the everyday, and a comic interplay of characters wordlessly communicating through dance and drum. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Nov. 24-25 A Christmas Wonderland One of the most delightfully enchanting Christmas shows ever, featuring glittering costumes, a dazzling cast, and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole. Holiday favorite songs include "White Christmas," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Let it Snow," and more. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Nov. 24 Holiday Lighting Celebration Start of the holidays with the city's official holiday lighting. Festivities include a special appearance by Santa Claus, live performers by local entertainment including the Galveston Ballet, and the lighting of the hotel's 35-foot Christmas tree on the front lawn. During the event, the hotel collects donations for the Salvation Army of Galveston County. Hotel Galvez & Spa, 2024 Seawall Blvd. hotelgalvez.com 409-765-7721

HOUSTON: Nov. 2 ROCO Connections: "Musical and Literary Ofrenda" River Oaks Chamber Orchestra continues its longstanding collaboration with the Lawndale Art Center, Inprint, Musiq, and the Houston Hispanic Forum for this performance featuring five new miniature musical remembrances by Houston composer Marcus Maroney. Lawndale Art Center, 4912 Main St. rocohouston.org 713-665-2700

HOUSTON: Nov. 8-Dec. 24 "A Midnight Clear: A Musical Tale of Christmas" It's Christmas Eve, 1964, and a snowstorm threatens to cancel a concert hosted by the Sisters of the Poor Sacred Heart. But when a mysterious stranger and a stranded motorist arrive at their chapel, the Sisters find that the songs of Christmas have far more power than they had imagined. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Parkway, Suite 101. stages theatre.com 713-527-0123

HOUSTON: Nov. 10-12 Broadway Today The Houston Symphony offers an exciting program of Broadway Today with the vocalist Betsy Wolfe (making her Houston debut before starring as Elsa in Broadway's "Frozen"). Celebrate the best of the Great White Way with songs from "The Phantom of the Opera," "Once," "Chicago," "The Book of Mormon," "Les Misérables," and the showstopper "Maybe This Time" from "Cabaret." Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonsymphony.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Nov. 10 Tiempo Libre Da Camera presents three-time Grammy-nominated Cuban music group Tiempo Libre. Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Nov. 11-12 Native American Powwow The 28th annual event features Native American music, dancing, food, and arts and crafts vendors. Traders Village Houston, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500

HOUSTON: Nov. 11 ROCO in Concert: "Courageous Catalyst" Features the world premiere of "JFK 100," a commission by Michael Gandolfi celebrating the 100th birthday of JFK and the courage of people who fight for change. The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. rocohouston.org 713-665-2700

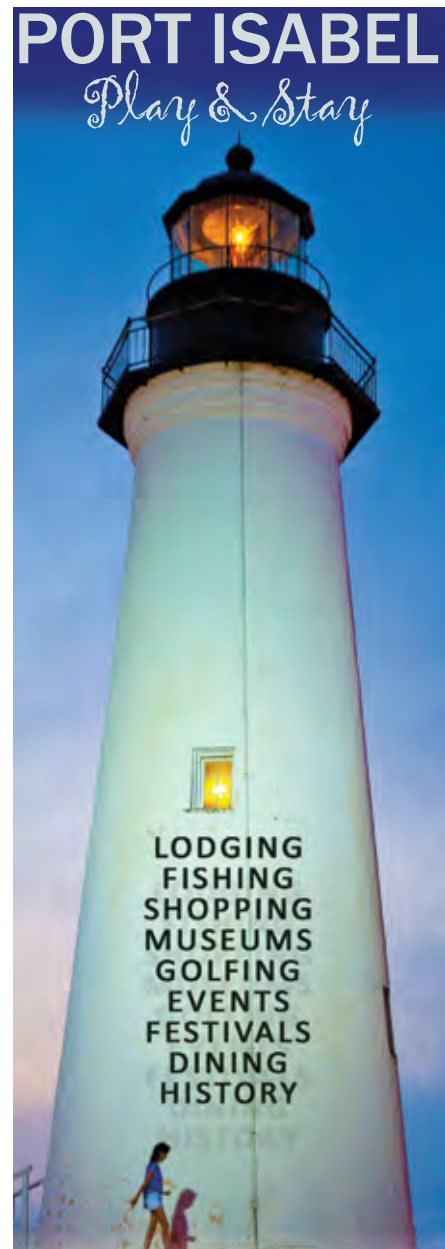
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HOUSTON: Nov. 16-19 World Corporate Games Major corporations from around the world will descend upon this city for a weekend of fun competition. Past competitions have included as many as 10,000 participants. Sports include cycling, beach volleyball, dodge ball, dragon boat racing, flag football, and golf, plus a parade around Discovery Green, as well as opening and closing ceremonies downtown. Various locations. wcghouston.com 713-308-5918

HOUSTON: Nov. 17-19 Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada and world-class pianist Denis Kozhukhin continue their exciting cycle of Rachmaninoff's works for piano and orchestra with the ever-popular Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini and the Russian master's Piano Concerto No. 4. The orchestra explores Ives' quintessentially American music with his Symphony No. 3, "The Camp Meeting." Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonSymphony.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Nov. 18-19 Via Colori Street Painting Festival More than 200 local and international artists will converge on the streets of downtown Houston to create live street paintings during the 12th annual festival. Attendees can enjoy live music performed by local bands and entertainers on three stages, family-friendly activities, and delicious local food and beverages. Hermann Square at City Hall, 900 Smith St. houstonviacolori.com 713-523-3633

HOUSTON: Nov. 19 ROCO Unchambered: "Musical Parfait" Violinist Lorenzo Golofeev performs Maxime Goulet's "Symphonic Chocolates" and adds "layers" of musicians throughout the evening's program. Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston (MATCH), 3400 Main St. rocoHouston.org 713-665-2700

HOUSTON: Nov. 24-26 A Scheherazade Thanksgiving This Thanksgiving, Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada conducts Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade." Inspired by "One Thousand and One Nights," this sumptuously orchestrated tone poem takes listeners along on the voyages of Sinbad and ends with an electrifying festival at Baghdad. Grammy Award-winning violinist James Ehnes presents his unforgettable interpretation of Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St. houstonSymphony.org 713-224-7575

HOUSTON: Nov. 28 Body by Broadway Sing, squat, and dance along to your favorite Broadway tunes, taught by instructors from Define Mind & Body. The event is hosted by the Houston Downtown Management District and Theatre Under the Stars. Market Square Park, 301 Milam St. marketsquarepark.com 713-650-3022

HOUSTON: Nov. 29-Dec. 31 "Panto Cinderella" Houston's original British pantomime offers a madcap storytelling style and breathes new life into the familiar tale of humble Cinderella, her fairy godmother, her charming prince, and her hideous (and hilarious) step-sisters. Come ready to laugh, cheer, and boo along with a crazy cast of fairy tale favorites. Packed with zany characters, audience interaction, and plenty of toe-tapping music, it's spectacular fun for the whole family. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy., Suite 101. stagetheatre.com 713-527-0123

HOUSTON: Nov. 30 ROCO Connections: "Season of Thanks for the Mastersons" River Oaks Chamber Orchestra performs a concert at Rienzi—the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston house museum for European decorative arts—in celebration of the

home's former owners, the Mastersons. Rienzi, 1406 Kirby Dr. rocoHouston.org 713-665-2700

KINGSVILLE: Nov. 4-5 South Texas Show Series Youth Prospect Show for livestock projects includes cattle, goats, lambs, and hogs. JK Northway Exposition Center, 501 E. Escondido. 361-296-4667

KINGSVILLE: Nov. 13-14 Big House Burger Bash Starts with a team roping challenge on Friday evening. Saturday's itinerary features classic team roping, a softball tournament, half marathon, and a concert featuring Siggno, Las Fenix, and more. JK Northway Exposition Center, 501 E. Escondido. mybighouseonline.com 800-333-5032

KINGSVILLE: Nov. 17-18 Ranch Hand Festival The festival kicks off Kingville's La Posada holiday celebration with cowboy-themed entertainment and activities. The breakfast is Saturday at King Ranch. It is followed by the festival with artists, food and craft vendors. King Ranch and Historic Downtown Kingsville. ranchhandfestival.com 800-333-5032

LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 4 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Major Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Discover the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. Abner Jackson Plantation Site, FM 2004 near Texas 332. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 16-18 Festival of Lights Kick off the holiday season with a carnival Thursday through Sunday; the official tree lighting ceremony on Friday; and games, a parade, snow, ice skating, and more on Saturday. Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Texas 332. lakejackson-tx.gov 979-415-2600

LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 18 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 Texas 332. gco.org 979-480-0999

ORANGE: Through July 14, 2018 "The World War I Homefront: Orange Goes Over the Top" This exhibit shares stories of how the Stark family and the people of Orange supported the war effort. Learn about the active role the family took in boosting troop morale, helping the Red Cross, and supplying our troops abroad. The W.H. Stark House, 610 W. Main Ave. starkculturalvenues.org/whstarkhouse 409-883-0871

PALACIOS: Nov. 12 Catholic Daughters of America Turkey Dinner Fundraising dinner. KC Hall, 700 Main St. 361-972-2446

PORT ARTHUR: Nov. 4 Pleasure Island Bridge Half Marathon, 10K, and 2 Miler Choose between a half marathon and 10K, and join hundreds of runners on the bridge to Pleasure Island. The 2 miler is on a flat course. Martin Luther King Bridge. sportsocietyforamericanhealth.org 409-781-2932

ROCKPORT: Nov. 2-4 Rockport Film Festival This event celebrates the best of independent cinema on the Texas Coast. Showcasing shorts, features, documentaries, animations, and student films, the festival is a welcoming three-day event that highlights talent from Texas and beyond. Rockport Center for the Arts, 902 Navigation Circle. rockportartcenter.com 361-729-5519

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Nov. 4-5 Open Water Festival Open water swimming is not just a sport, it's a lifestyle for those aspiring to challenge their limits. This event offers a variety of distance options, meaning there's a little something for everyone. A full weekend of activities allows you to enjoy everything that this amazing island has to offer, all while enjoying some of the cleanest water in the country. Compete as an individual or put together a team. South Padre Island, Pier 19, 1 Padre Blvd. openwaterplanet.com 956-767-2373

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Nov. 4-5 Raul Alcalá Challenge South Padre Island This cycling event will cross the Queen Isabella Causeway twice on a route that features gorgeous scenery. The ride ends at Schlitterbahn Water Park with live music, food, and drinks. Schlitterbahn Water Park, 33261 State Park Road 100. raulalcala.com 956-761-3024

SPRING: Nov. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 Home for the Holidays Shop local for the holidays and find something special for everyone on your list. The 37th annual event is held every weekend in November and December until Christmas Eve. Find entertainment for the whole family and visit Santa's House every weekend. Old Town Spring, 403 Main St. oldtownspringshopping.com 281-288-2355

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 24-Jan. 7 Sugar Land Holiday Lights For the fourth year in a row, enjoy views of more than 2.5 million lights, Santa Claus every night, holiday treats, shopping vendors, and more. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 2 Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band in Concert The All Stars include Todd Rundgren, Gregg Rolie, Steve Lukather, Richard Page, Warren Ham, and Gregg Bissonette. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 3 PJ Masks Live: Time to Be a Hero Spend time with Owlette, Gekko, and Catboy. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 3 VINO and Vintage Vocals Travel through the decades with live music featuring The Grateful Geezers, a versatile variety band specializing in the best songs from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. VINO & Vinyl will be on the plaza with special wine to purchase. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 10 Jingle Tree: Kickoff Coffee and Tree Lighting See the fabulously decorated trees come to life during the lighting ceremony. Stay and enjoy a light brunch and social time in the Jingle Tree display. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 10 Opry on the Square Enjoy Country Now and Then, featuring country favorites that will appeal to all generations of country music fans. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 10 Trevor Noah Host of the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning comedy series "The Daily Show" performs an evening of stand-up comedy and shares tales from his tumultuous upbringing in South Africa. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 11 Serious Wheels: Corvette Owners Club of Houston Open Car Show Corvettes on display, plus many other types of vehicles that satisfy the need for speed. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

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SUGAR LAND: Nov. 14 Jingle Tree: Bring on the Bling! Learn how to make the holiday magic happen with holiday decorating tips. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 16 Jingle Tree: Drink and Be Merry Happy Hour Jingle Tree auction close out and evening social event. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 26 Photos with Santa Free holiday photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus will take place in the lobby of 16190 City Walk. Since it is the season of giving, bring new and unwrapped toys for the Fort Bend Rainbow Room's Christmas Project. All donations will go to children and adults referred by case-workers from the Texas Department of Family and

Protective Services. Drop your letter to Santa in his mailbox and get a return letter in the mail for a \$5 donation. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarland.com

TEXAS CITY: Nov. 4 Touch-A-Truck and Model Train Festival You may have been to another Touch-A-Truck event, but everything is bigger and better in Texas City. Bring the kids to see more than 35 trucks—from monster trucks to dump trucks, cranes to military vehicles, police and fire, and more. Also enjoy face painting, balloon artists, and a giant corn box. 409 Sixth St. facebook.com/touchatrucktc 409-643-5919

TOMBALL: Nov. 17-Dec. 31 The Downtown Holiday Lamp Post Stroll More than 50 ornamental lamp posts covering 12 city blocks will be decked out for the Christmas season at this annual event. These holiday creations are done by downtown merchants, local organizations,

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and businesses. Stroll the lamp posts, browse the mom-and-pop shops and restaurants, and enjoy the season in Tomball's historic downtown district. Downtown Tomball. tomballtx.gov 281-351-5484

TOMBALL: Nov. 18 Holiday Parade More than 40,000 people attend each year to see more than 175 floats/entries in the parade. Main Street. tomballchamber.org 281-351-7222

VICTORIA: Oct. 5-Nov. 5 Dia de los Muertos Exhibit Brightly decorated altars by local artists commemorate the dearly departed while highly detailed and sought after retablos are displayed awaiting your highest bid. The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. navemuseum.com 361-575-8227

VICTORIA: Nov. 1 Victoria Symphony Fall Fundraiser with .38 Special Fall fundraiser featuring rock 'n' roll legends .38 Special. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Dr. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

VICTORIA: Nov. 4 Dia de los Muertos Festival Activities include a March of Remembrance, children's arts and crafts, face painting, food and beverage vendors, a mercado, and musical performances throughout the day including Ballet Folklorico. The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. navemuseum.com 361-575-8227

VICTORIA: Nov. 16-19 "The Wedding Singer" Theatre Victoria presents this wildly popular musical based on the hit 1990s film. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. theatre victoria.org 361-570-8587

VICTORIA: Nov. 18-19 Christmas Faire Shop art, jewelry, gourmet food, clothing, Texas wine, gifts, home decor, crafts, photography, and more. Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. texasmarketguide.com 888-225-3427

VICTORIA: Nov. 18 Main Street Market Days Shop downtown from a variety of excellent vendors. 101 N. Main St. victoriamainstreet.com 361-578-0060

WHARTON: Nov. 21 Christmas Parade The official ceremony for the 37th annual lighting of the holiday lights will be at 7 p.m., when a lighted parade will start. Monterey Square, 200 W. Milam. whartontexas.com 979-532-1862

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Oct. 26-Nov. 11 "Blu" This play by Virginia Grise, directed by Florinda Bryant, follows a queer Chicana/o family through explosive after-effects of prison and hunger, desire and war. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 409 E. Fifth St. salvagevanguard.org 512-474-7886

AUSTIN: Oct. 26-Nov. 2 Austin Film Festival Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on both top-billed films and indies alike. Various locations. austinfilmfestival.com

AUSTIN: Nov. 3 2CELLOS in Concert This band's signature style breaks down the boundaries between genres of music, from classical and film music to pop and rock. As impressive when playing Bach and Vivaldi as they are when rocking out, 2CELLOS knows no limits when it comes to performing live. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060

AUSTIN: Nov. 4-5 Celtic Fest This annual festival is also the largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas. The event is home to four stages of Irish, Scottish, and Breton music, dance, sports, storytelling, workshops, and more. Pioneer Farms, 10621 Pioneer Farms Dr. austincelticfestival.com

AUSTIN: Nov. 4 Austin Powwow Now in its 25th year and the largest of its kind in Texas, this festival features American Indian dancing, singing, arts and crafts, and food. Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane. austinpowwow.net

AUSTIN: Nov. 4-5 Texas Book Festival Last year's iteration of this annual favorite welcomed 300 nationally and critically recognized authors and 50,000 attendees in a record-setting celebration of books, literacy, and the culture of ideas. Events are spread across more than 20 venues including the State Capitol, featuring more than 80 exhibitors, live music, local food trucks, family activities, and countless opportunities to meet authors and fellow book lovers. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Texas State Capitol and surrounding grounds. texasbookfestival.org 512-477-4055

AUSTIN: Nov. 5 Texas Monthly Barbecue Festival Now in its fourth year, this tasty festival only has four rules: muster as many of Texas' best BBQ joints as possible; have them serve up their specialties, side-by-side; let smoke and sauce fly for five intoxicating hours; and finally, let the people decide who made the best goods. City Terrace, Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Dr. tmbbq.com

AUSTIN: Nov. 8 An Evening of Storytelling with Garrison Keillor Captivating with his signature blend of humor, charisma, and wisdom, Keillor shares his journey to becoming one of America's greatest storytellers. He regaled audiences for more than 40 years as the host of "A Prairie Home Companion," and continues to bring stories to life on public radio's "The Writers Almanac." Sharing his passion for everything from creativity and literacy to the great journey of life, Keillor entertains with a sage yet wry perspective, inspiring with kernels of wisdom audiences carry long after he has left the stage. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Nov. 9 Demetri Martin: Let's Get Awkward Martin has released two standup comedy albums and three hour-long standup comedy specials, including his latest for Netflix in 2015, and he created and starred in his own television series for Comedy Central. Moontower Comedy, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Nov. 11-12, 18-19 East Austin Studio Tour More than 70 eastside art studios and galleries open their doors for the public's viewing and purchasing pleasure during this biannual event. Various locations. east.bigmedium.org

AUSTIN: Nov. 12 Jack Hanna: Into the Wild Live! In this awe-inspiring event, America's most beloved animal expert will introduce you to some of the world's most spectacular animals. Jungle Jack will also share humorous stories and amazing exclusive footage from his worldwide adventures. From the jungles of Rwanda to the savannas of Australia, Hanna has explored the corners of the globe as one of the most visible and respected animal ambassadors. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Nov. 17 Ray Wylie Hubbard's Birthday Bash The seminal singer-songwriter is back with family and very special guests joining him onstage. Hubbard started his journey as a folk singer in his native Oklahoma before falling in with the wild and woolly cosmic/outlaw Texas country scene of the 1970s. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Nov. 18 John Hodgman: Vacationland The theater welcomes writer, comedian, actor, and author of

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three books of fake facts and invented trivia, all of them New York Times Bestsellers. After an appearance to promote his books on "The Daily Show," he was invited to return as a contributor, serving as the show's "Resident Expert" and "Deranged Millionaire." Currently, he is the host of the popular Judge John Hodgman podcast, where he settles serious disputes between real people, such as "Is a hot dog a sandwich?" Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Nov. 19 Gladys Knight in Concert

The seven-time Grammy winner and film and television sensation is back at the Paramount Theatre for the first time since 2011. Knight has recorded more than 38 albums and charted No. 1 hits in pop, gospel, R&B, and adult contemporary. From her Motown days with The Pips to her solo albums, she has enchanted audiences with five decades of memorable hits songs, including "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "If I Were Your Woman," and "Midnight Train to Georgia." Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Nov. 24-Dec. 24 Blue Genie Art Bazaar

A fixture of the Austin holiday season. Shoppers can browse thousands of original works ranging from serious art to fun and kitschy items. A great way to buy hassle-free holiday gifts and support local artists. Blue Genie Art Bazaar, 6100 Airport Blvd. bluegenieartbazaar.com

BANDERA: Nov. 4 Hunter's Game Dinner and Dance

An annual event sponsored by the Medina Volunteer Fire Department. Enjoy a washers tournament, barbecue dinner, and a dance and concert. The Farm Country Club, 475 Pue Road. banderacowboycapital.com 830-589-7225

BANDERA: Nov. 4 Hunters' Barbecue Celebration

A Texas-size gun raffle, live music, barbecue, exhibits, and entertainment. 300 11th St. banderatx.com 830-796-3280

BANDERA: Nov. 4 Market Days

Find arts and crafts vendors on the courthouse lawn downtown. 500 Main St. banderatexasbusiness.com 830-796-4447

BANDERA: Nov. 7 Cowboy Capital Opry

Grand Old Opry-style entertainment is hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. silversagecorral.org 830-796-4969

BANDERA: Nov. 11 Bandera Honors Veterans

Family displays, music, a ceremony, and parade. Free barbecue sandwich lunch for veterans and their spouses. Additional food available for purchase. See military displays, concessions, and more. Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 830-460-0394

BANDERA: Nov. 12 Frontier Times Museum Cowboy Camp

Enjoy traditional cowboy music—bring your guitar and join in the song circle. Bring your own refreshments and chair. Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. frontiertimesmuseum.org 830-796-3864

BOERNE: Nov. 4 Hot Rod Night

Reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-331-8799

BOERNE: Nov. 4 Wild Game Dinner

Go hog wild at the seventh annual dinner. Admission includes savory wild game dishes, live and silent auctions, and registration for door prizes. Enjoy some old favorites like smoked turkey, smoked pulled pork, brisket tacos, and beans. Then move on to something a little more exotic like fried alligator, Cajun crawfish pasta, stuffed pheasant, bison sliders, bacon-wrapped Nilgai, duck gumbo, spicy jambalaya, and flavorful axis carne guisada. Kendall County



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Youth Agriculture and Equestrian Center, 248 FM 289. visitboerne.org 210-316-4297 or 210-215-3486

BOERNE: Nov. 9 Diva Night Support your local businesses with a night of fun shopping. Stores will have regular business hours during the day. Diva Night festivities will include shopping, live music, dining, and great specials for the diva in you. Hill Country Mile, Main Street. visitboerne.org 210-861-7333

BOERNE: Nov. 10-12 Kid N' Ewe and Lamas Too

The 29th annual three-day event is Texas' premier fiber arts festival for spinners, weavers, knitters, crocheters, felters, and anyone else who enjoys the wide variety of fiber arts. Come shop for tools and supplies in three halls totaling more than 30,000 square feet of nationally-known vendors who provide a wide variety of artisan-made goods. Kendall County Fair Grounds, 1307 River Road. visitboerne.org 832-584-4695

BOERNE: Nov. 11-12 Market Days Artists, crafters, and vendors share their creative talents and wares to the sounds of homegrown Texas musicians. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-844-8193

BOERNE: Nov. 24-25 Dickens on Main The 18th annual celebration officially kicks off the holiday season in Boerne, spreading tidings of good cheer and merriment. Shop for unique holiday gifts along Boerne's Hill Country Mile for Black Friday and Small Business Saturday while the whole family enjoys live musical entertainment, Dickens-era theatrical performances, a variety of children's activities including Santa and a 60-foot snow slide, live ice sculpting shows, horse-drawn carriage rides, snow on Main Street, and more. Hill Country Mile, Main Street. visitboerne.org 830-248-1617

BOERNE: Nov. 25 Sounds of the Season Tinsel—an a cappella quartet—entertain audiences with contemporary classics and beloved carols. The group's original arrangements of these holiday favorites sparkle with sophistication, while respecting tradition and cherished memories. Cave Without A Name—Throne Room. cavewithoutaname.com 830-537-4212

BRADY: Nov. 17-18 Heart of Texas Outdoor Expo This inaugural event includes a gun and knife show. Curtis Field Airport, 3825 N. Bridge St. bradytx.com 325-597-3491

BULVERDE: Nov. 4 Tejas Rodeo Weekly rodeos, live music, events, and steak dinners. Tejas Rodeo, 401 Obst Road. visitboerne.org 830-980-2226

BULVERDE: Nov. 24 Christmas Lighting The 27th annual event offers entertainment, music, and treats for the young and young at heart. 2355 Bulverde Road. bulverdespringbranchchamber.com 830-438-4285

BURNET: Nov. 4 Fall Area-Wide Garage Sale Shop for reusable treasures from a variety of vendors in one place. Downtown Square, 220 S. Pierce St. burnetchamber.org 830-798-5738

BURNET: Nov. 4 Hill Country Christmas Features lots of vendors just in time for Christmas shopping. YMCA of the Highland Lakes, 1601 S. Water St. ymcagwc.org/burnet 512-756-6180

COMFORT: Nov. 25 Christmas in Comfort Day of activities includes more than 100 craft and food vendors, entertainment, Santa, kids activities, a nighttime lighted parade, and fireworks. Historic Downtown, Town of Comfort. comfort-texas.com 830-995-3131

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 3 First Friday Art Walk Fredericksburg Tour fine art galleries offering special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours the first Friday of every month. Various locations. ffawf.com 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 4 Harvestfest German Chorale Fall Concert An evening of German singing and Fredericksburg gemütlichkeit. Light refreshments provided. 830-456-1713

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 9-11 Texas All Star Big Band Bash The 20th annual event offers three nights of rockin' concerts benefitting boys and girls in Gillespie County that are involved in music and theater. Hill Top Cafe, 10661 N. US 87. hilltopcafe.com 830-997-8922

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 10-12 Die Kunstler Fine Art Show and Sale Representing more than 65 member artists and more than 300 original works of art. Vote for the People's Choice Award. Zion Lutheran Church, 406 W. Main. diekunstler.com 830-990-4641

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 11-12 Pacific Combat Living History Reenactment See equipment and weapons used during WWII and a battle reenactment set on an island in the Pacific. Pacific Combat Zone, 508 E. Austin. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 11 Veterans Day Observance On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we honor all veterans of all conflicts. The event is free and open to the public. Memorial Courtyard at the National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main St. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600 ext. 205

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 17-19, 24-26 Trade Days For two weekends in November, shop more 400 vendors in seven barns, with acres of antiques, a Biergarten, live music, and more. Sunday Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com 830-990-4900

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 24 Annual Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree and German Pyramid Capturing the spirit and celebration of Christmas through the town's rich German heritage with refreshments, caroling, and the countdown to flipping the switch. Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. visitfredericksburgtx.com 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 24-Jan. 2, 2018 Eisbahn Outdoor Ice Skating Annual seasonal outdoor ice skating event to benefit The Heritage School, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Boys and Girls Club of Fredericksburg. Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. skateinfred.com 830-997-6597

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 24-26 The Peddler Holiday Show One of Texas' favorite arts and crafts shows celebrates 40 years, just in time for holiday shopping. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 2000 Texas 16. peddlershow.com 800-775-2774

GRUENE: Nov. 12 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, this event serves awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet catered by the Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-629-5077

GRUENE: Nov. 16 Come and Taste It A featured winemaker showcases three of its newest released, top-selling, or hardest-to-find wines, alongside a craft brew hand-picked by The Grapevine staff. The complimentary tastings are held on the patio and garden. Samples of food that is offered for sale will be provided, and each event features live music and prize giveaways. The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. grapevineingruene.com 830-606-0093

GRUENE: Nov. 18-19, 24-26 Holidays in Gruene—Photos with Cowboy Kringle Create a Christmas memory with photos with Cowboy Kringle, Gruene's own brand of Santa. Pictures will be taken in the breezeway between The Grapevine and Gruene General Store. Packages are available, along with Christmas cards and other special order items. Gruene Historic District. holidaysingruene.com

GRUENE: Nov. 18-19 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. Gruene Historic District. gruenemarketdays.com 830-832-1721

GRUENE: Nov. 23 Holidays in Gruene—Gruene Turkey Trot Start your Thanksgiving Day with an exhilarating 5K run/walk through Gruene Historic District benefiting local charities. Kids under 12 years old will have a blast chasing a Turkey Mascot for a quarter mile through Gruene. Gruene Historic District. holidaysingruene.com

INGRAM: Nov. 17-Dec. 2 "A Dickens Christmas Carol: A Traveling Travesty in Two Acts" Mark Landon Smith's adaptation of Charles Dickens' tale. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5121

INGRAM: Nov. 17-Dec. 16 ArtMart Christmas Gift Showcase Handmade items for Christmas shopping. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5121

JOHNSON CITY: Nov. 24-26 Market Days Local artisans and craftsmen sell their wares during this three-day festival kicking off Lights Spectacular. Surrounding the Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. lbcountry.com 830-868-7684

JOHNSON CITY: Nov. 25 Art Walk Galleries along Nugent Avenue will be open for viewing and wine tasting. lbcountry.com 830-868-7684

JUNCTION: Nov. 25 Wild Game Dinner Food is abundant at this annual dinner, and prizes are too. Raffles for many guns, knives, trips, and more items are a part of the fun and fellowship experienced at this unique festive affair. Stevenson Center, 440 US 83. junctiontexas.com 325-446-3190

KERRVILLE: Oct. 20-Nov. 5 "Nunsense" A comic musical by Dan Goggin. Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. playhouse2000.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: Oct. 26-Dec. 1 Texas Furniture Makers Show A juried exhibit featuring the best furniture makers in Texas. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kackkerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Nov. 3 First Friday Wine Share A fun way to meet new or different wines, people, and places of business or art. Please bring no more than one bottle of wine per every two people. Singles may feel free to bring a bottle every other month. Bring your own wine glass—which could be a conversation starter in itself. firstfridaywineshare.com 830-896-6600

KERRVILLE: Nov. 4 Hill Country Swap Meet A giant community garage sale, flea market, and trade days all-in-one. Buy or sell new, used, antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, knives, books, furniture, tools, clothing, kitchen and household items, and more. Concessions on site and lots of free parking. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-459-6198

KERRVILLE: Nov. 4 Kerr County Market Days An indoor marketplace for vendors of original handcrafted goods, artwork, and home-grown plants and produce. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-895-7524

KERRVILLE: Nov. 18 Holiday Lighted Parade and Courthouse Lighting Ceremony Officially welcome the holiday season with a lighted parade and the arrival of Santa Claus. After the parade, enjoy a Christmas program, caroling, and the lighting of the Courthouse and 45' tree ceremony. Kerr County Courthouse, 700 Main St. kerrvilletx.gov 830-258-1151

KERRVILLE: Nov. 18 Taylor, Chapin, and Eva A phenomenal evening of folk. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: Nov. 18-19 Texas Gun and Knife Show New and used guns, knives, gold and silver coins, jewelry, camping gear, military supplies, and several businesses under one roof. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Texas 27. texasgunandknifeshows.com 830-285-0575

LAMPASAS: Nov. 3 Hunters' Welcome Join the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center in welcoming hunters to the community, and enjoy some great barbecue. H-E-B Parking Lot, 705 South Key Ave. lampasaschamber.org 512-556-5172

LAMPASAS: Nov. 25 Lampasas Trade Days Come meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Merchandise ranges from antiques, collectibles, quilts, crafts, folk and fine art, and home furnishings. Marigold's Antiques & More, 2646 US 190. lampasastradedays.com 512-734-1294

LEAKEY: Nov. 25 Christmas on the Square If you're full of turkey and ready to get out of the house, spend a fun day filled with arts and crafts, food vendors, meet Santa, and enjoy the beautiful Frio Canyon in Fall. Historic Downtown Leakey, 146 US 83. friocanyonchamber.com 830-232-5222

MEDINA: Nov. 4 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 Texas 16. 830-796-3045

MENARD: Nov. 4 Hunters' Blowout Ball Chili, beans and tamales with all the fixings. Enjoy a live band and a chance to win guns, knives, and more. There will also be



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NEW BRAUNFELS: Nov. 3-12 Wurstfest Join the fun at this 10-day celebration of sausage and beer, which includes live music on multiple stages, dancing, a carnival and lots of German-Texan hospitality. 120 Landa St. wurstfest.com 830-625-9167

NEW BRAUNFELS: Nov. 17-19 Weihnachtsmarkt German-inspired Christmas market offers unique decorations, specialty items, fabulous gifts, and antiques. New Braunfels Civic & Convention Center, 375 S. Cas-tell Ave. sophienburg.com 830-629-1572

OZONA: Nov. 1-Dec. 7 Remembering Crockett County Veterans Each year, the museum honors veterans with an exhibit featuring photos, artifacts and memorabilia submitted by local families. There are hundreds of photos and other items dating back to the Civil War. Crockett County Museum, 404 11th St. ozonamuseum.com 325-392-2837

SAN SABA: Nov. 23-Jan. 4 Christmas Extravaganza Grand Opening Make your holidays brighter this year by enjoying the Mill Pond Lighted Holiday Park. Set your radio to 88.7 FM and enjoy synced music to more than 30 acres of dancing lights. Mill Pond Park, Thomas Stewart Dr. visitsansabatexas.com 325-372-8291

SONORA: Nov. 11 Sutton County Game Dinner Dinner, raffles, and more than \$50,000 in prizes including guns and a polaris. Sutton County Civic Center & Park, 1700 N. Crockett. sonoratexas.org 888-387-2880

SPICEWOOD: Nov. 17 Collin Hauser and Stevie Jo Rosenbalm in Concert Reaping Grammy nominations while still a student at the University of North Texas, Hauser's skillful guitar, liquid sax, and unique voice have captivated audiences everywhere. Backed by drummer and singer Stevie Jo Rosenbalm, a Top 20 contestant on "The Voice," with a stand-up bass, the trio will thrill with their blend of musical textures. Spicewood Arts Society, 9807 Texas 71. spicewoodarts.org 512-264-2820

STONEWALL: Nov. 25 Holiday Cookie Decorating and German Traditions Observe and learn some of the early 1900s German holiday traditions such as cookie decorating, wreath making, tree decorating, and candle making. Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm, Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site. tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson 830-644-2252

UTOPIA: Nov. 4 Fall Arts and Crafts Fair At the 52nd annual fair, more than 60 vendors from around the state will display and offer for sale handmade arts and crafts including jewelry, metal work, canned goods, furniture, and other works of art. Utopia Town Square, RM 187. 830-966-4159

UVALDE: Nov. 10 Four Square Friday Late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. Historic Downtown Uvalde. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

WIMBERLEY: Oct. 27-Nov. 19 "The Diary of Anne Frank" Performed in the Burdine Johnson Indoor Studio Theatre. EmilyAnn Theatre & Gardens, 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 4 Market Day Walk along a shaded path to discover treasures of all sorts and enjoy lots of great food and live music. Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. shopmarketdays.com 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 10-Dec. 3 "I Hate Hamlet" When an up-and-coming TV star decides to take on the iconic role of Hamlet, who could have expected he would have

the ghost of John Barrymore along for the ride? As he prepares for the role of his life, he'll have to master everything from tights to sword fights to a particularly lively ghost in Paul Rudnick's comedic take on one man's pursuit of the perfect performance. Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. wimberleyplayers.org 512-847-0575

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 17-18 Winter Wonderland Visit the wonderland of Christmas trees and wreaths created by local artists and crafty people. Thanksgiving centerpieces will also be available. Enjoy holiday music, refreshments, and a visit with Santa. Wimberley Community Center, 14068 RR 12. wimberley.org 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 25-Dec. 28 Trail of Lights The 20th annual event is a fun and safe way to view Christmas lights on a walking tour that leads visitors through six acres of decorated Wonderland with Ye Olde Yule Log burning nightly as weather permits. There is no admission to the Trail of Lights, however donations are gratefully accepted. 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Nov. 24-26 Thanksgiving Throwdown Drag racing at its best. The Big Country Raceway, 5601 W. Stamford. bigcountryraceway.com 325-673-4233

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3 "Cell Series: Kelly O'Connor" This widely acclaimed exhibition series presents the work of living artists within the "challenging" upper galleries of the historic 1877 jail structure. Sustaining the passion of the OJAC founders in supporting and exhibiting contemporary artists, visitors encounter works by artists who attempt to interpret and translate the world we universally experience with often surprising and enlightening results. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3, 2018 "Ronald Watson" Watson utilizes strict systems of order, an artist's intuition, and the viewers' perception to construct complex sculptures with acute attention to detail and craftsmanship. His work conveys a sense of stability in a world that is perceived to be in a state of chaos. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Sept. 16-Feb. 3, 2018 "Texas Moderns: Bill Bomar" The fourth in a series of fall exhibitions focusing on artists active in mid to late 20th century Texas will feature the work of Bill Bomar. Often associated with the artists of the Fort Worth Circle, Bomar was also an art collector, supporter of other artists, and one of the founders of the Old Jail Art Center. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

AMARILLO: Oct. 27-Nov. 25 American Quarter Horse Photography Show A stunning exhibit featuring American Quarter Horse Association member photography. The photos tell the story of America's horse and the love the nation has for it. American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum, 2601 I-40 East. aqha.com/museum 806-376-5181

BAIRD: Nov. 4 Hunter's Supper Enjoy a meal, gun raffle, and door prizes. Baird Activity Center (Old Light Plant), 208 Walnut St. bairdchamber.com/events 325-854-1212

CANYON: Through Feb. 24, 2018 "When Georgia Was Here" Drawn from the PPHM's art collection and from public and private collections nationwide, the exhibition will present a new perspective on American art contemporaneous with Georgia O'Keefe's time at WTAMU 1916 and 1918. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. panhandleplains.org

CHILDRESS: Nov. 4-5 Chamber Gun Show This is not a craft show. Only guns, gun-related items, knives, and hunting-related items are allowed. Childress Event Center, 1100 Seventh St. NW 940-937-2567

CHILDRESS: Nov. 11 Eat Wild Good food including wild game, good music. Cody Canada and The Departed, acution items, and fun. Childress Event Center, 1100 Seventh St. NW 940-937-2567

CHILDRESS: Nov. 24 Treasure Hunt Giveaways, Santa, pictures, and more. 200 block of Main Street. 940-937-2525

COLORADO CITY: Nov. 3 Hunter's Apprecation Dinner Fajita supper will be served. Raffles for deer feeder, hunting accessories, and lots of guns. Railhead Building, 150 E. First St. coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325-728-3403

COLORADO CITY: Nov. 18-19 Railhead Trade Days Home decor, crafts, clothing, holiday items, antiques, sports memorabilia, and food vendors. Railhead Building, 150 E. First St. coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325-728-3403

DALHART: Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade Denrock Avenue. dalhart.org 806-244-5646

DALHART: Nov. 13 Elks Hoop Shoot Competition Children ages 8-13, sectioned by age groups, will compete. All first place winners will advance to district in Borger. Free admission. Allyn Finch Gym, 801 Oak Ave. 806-679-8087

ELECTRA: Nov. 25 Holiday of Lights Parade Lighted floats, cars, trucks and bikes compete for prizes, and Santa and Ms. Claus arrive at the end of the parade. They visited with kids and hand out bags of fruit and candy. Holiday of Lights Parade, 100 W. Cleveland. electratexas.org 940-495-3577

LUBBOCK: Nov. 3 First Friday Art Trail This self-guided art tour celebrates the arts in downtown Lubbock and beyond. Various locations. ffat.org

LUBBOCK: Nov. 4 National Bison Day celebrate the Great North American Bison with a day of activities and learning opportunities. Lubbock Lake Landmark, 2401 Landmark Dr. visitlubbock.org 806-742-1116

LUBBOCK: Nov. 30, Dec. 2 "Origin Stories: Exploring Ancestry through Dance" Flatlands Dance Theatre's fall production takes audiences around the world to examine ancestry and diverse cultures. Through dance, the choreographers delve into history, genealogy, family dynamics, biology, and genetics to tell the stories of their descendants. LHUCA Firehouse Theatre, 511 Avenue K. flatlandsdance.org 806-777-5753

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SAN ANGELO: Oct. 5-Dec. 3 The Ehrlich Collection of American and British Ceramics Individual exhibitions featuring paintings. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Oct. 5-Dec. 3 The Garden of Earthly Delights: Exhibitions Featuring the Work of Julie Heffernan and Kathleen Elliot Individual exhibitions featuring paintings. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333



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SAN ANGELO: Nov. 11 Family Day for the Dogs! Includes hands-on art activities. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Nov. 16 Downtown Stroll Free admission to the museum during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Nov. 17-19 "The Wall That Heals" The Wall That Heals is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. thewallsanangelo.com 325-651-4236

SAN ANGELO: Nov. 18 Museum Day Family day program of tours and activities that highlight the fort's heritage. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. fortconcho.com 325-657-4444

SAN ANGELO: Nov. 19 "Play It Again" Concert Program features the West Texas Jazz Orchestra playing big band and jazz music. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Nov. 24-26 Chicken Farm Art Center Annual Open House This annual three-day event brings artists from around Texas and nationally to San Angelo and is one of the center's biggest events of the year. In addition to the 15 resident artists, 30-40 artists display their work and wares in outside booths while live music fills the air during this celebration. Chicken Farm Art Center, 2505 Martin Luther King Dr. chickenfarmartcenter.com 325-653-4936

WICHITA FALLS: Nov. 2-5 Christmas Magic Shop hundreds of holiday merchants. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit Junior League community projects and local nonprofits. Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 Fifth St. jlwf.org/christmas-magic 940-692-9797

WICHITA FALLS: Nov. 11-12 Hangar Holiday Features hundreds of professional craft show vendors as well as local crafters and home-based businesses. Average attendance is more than 15,000 people, and is run by volunteers from the Sheppard Air Force Base Officers' Spouses' Club. According to organizers, 2017 will mark the 32nd year as the region's largest free two-day craft fair. Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 Fifth St. sheppardoc.webs.com/hangar-holiday 940-782-8427

WICHITA FALLS: Nov. 18 City Lights Admire the beautifully lit historical downtown district while watching the parade and enjoying the music, food, and children's activities. This magical evening is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season. Downtown Wichita Falls, 713 Ohio Ave. downtownproud.com 940-322-4525

WICHITA FALLS: Nov. 20-Dec. 25 MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights Every evening after dusk, enjoy nearly 40 animated/lit displays that showcase themes or characters from well-known children's stories, fairy tales, and holiday icons. Midwestern State University, 3410 Taft Blvd. mwsu.edu/fantasy

PINEY WOODS

CENTER: Nov. 3-4 Pinecone and Mistletoe Christmas Market Shopping extravaganza offers more than 40 vendor booths showcasing Christmas decor and holiday artisan gifts. Windham Civic Center, 146 Express Blvd. shelbycountychamber.com 936-598-3682



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Lost Pines Christmas

Nov. 24-Dec. 17 From an old-fashioned Main Street Christmas to food and wine events and activities for the entire family, Texas' most historic small town celebrates the season in style. Lost Pines Christmas culminates on Saturday, December 9, with the lighted parade, which sparkles downtown from 6 to 8 p.m. Downtown Bastrop, Main Street. lostpineschristmas.com 512-332-8996

CENTER: Nov. 3 Taste of the Holidays The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors host this eclectic culinary sampling and dining experience featuring Chamber member restaurants, caterers, and florists. Each establishment will serve sample tastes of a featured item from their business. Windham Civic Center, 146 Express Blvd. shelbycountychamber.com 936-598-3682

GLADEWATER: Nov. 11 Holiday Open House Downtown stores are open late, plus seasonal entertainment and Texas-style hospitality. Antique District. 903-845-5501

HENDERSON: Nov. 30 Christmas Parade Visitors enjoy a tree lighting and lighted parade. Downtown Historic Henderson, 100 E. Main St. visithendersontx.com 866-650-5529 ext. 268

JEFFERSON: Nov. 2-5 Texas Sounds International Country Music Awards Top independent country artists, from 18 nations, perform and compete for Texas Sounds awards. See and hear at least five acts per night. Downtown Event Courtyard, 119 W. Austin St. texassounds.org 925-497-3915

JEFFERSON: Nov. 3-4, 17-18 Jefferson Flea Market Shop for new and antique items, arts and crafts, garage-sale items, furniture, fixtures, books, dishes, office supplies and more. Jefferson Flea Market, 213 W. Broadway St. jeffersonfleamarket.net 903-431-0043

KILGORE: Nov. 6 East Texas Pipe Organ Festival This year's event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore and other selected locations. St. Luke's, 401 E. Main St. easttexaspipeorganfestival.com

KILGORE: Nov. 16 Derrick Lighting Set each year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, the night includes the ceremonial lighting of the stars atop KHPF's memorial derricks downtown. Each November, the

foundation's signature year-end event welcomes local entertainers and honors an individual or group in the community, granting them the spotlight and the privilege to throw an oversized switch as the LED stars flare above. World's Richest Acre, 101-199 E. Main St. kilgorechamber.com

KILGORE: Nov. 16-18 Reel East Texas Film Festival Texas' newest film festival has a dual purpose of introducing new or undiscovered movies, documentaries, and directors to the region while bringing film industry-centric events to the charming Texan Theater downtown. Texan Theater, 203 S. Kilgore St. reel easttexas.com

LIBERTY: Nov. 4, 11, 18 Liberty Opry Enjoy live, family-oriented, musical entertainment, with a different theme every Saturday. Gospel, country, '50s and '60s old-time rock 'n' roll, classic oldies, specialty shows, and comedy on every show. Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. libertyopry.com 936-336-5830

LUFKIN: Nov. 4 Pineywoods Veterans Celebration The parade will begin at the Pitzer Garrison Convention Center make its way down North First Street, take left on East Burke Avenue to end at Louis Bronaugh Park. At the park, lunch will be provided for veterans and their families (with proper identification). Others who wish to stay and celebrate will be able to enjoy live music and free blood pressure checks, etc. Louis Bronaugh Park, 328-340 Charlton St. visitulufkin.com 936-633-0359

LUFKIN: Nov. 16 Jason Crabb in Concert Have your soul renewed with this Grammy-winning Christian artist. His voice, his heart, and the unique way he connects with each audience will fill your heart with hope. The Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. thepineslufkin.com 936-633-0359

MARSHALL: Nov. 11-12 Gun and Knife Show Find new and antique guns, knives, ammo, archery, reloading equipment and supplies, scopes, holsters and other shooting-related items, all in a safe, fun and family-oriented environment. Marshall Convention Center, 2501 East End Blvd. South. tandkpromotions.com 903-431-0043

MINEOLA: Nov. 4 Pedal for Paws Annual metric century group bicycle tour features rural low traffic roads with great views and rolling hills. Distances of 20, 30, 40, 55 and 65 miles are offered with frequent rest stops and full SAG support. Mineola Nature Preserve, 1860 CR 2724. mineolapedalforpaws.com 903-638-6902

MOUNT PLEASANT: Nov. 10-11 Deck the Halls Holiday Bazaar Shop more than 40 vendors from all over Northeast Texas. Items include handmade soaps, cedar furniture, seasonal decor, and everything in between. Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson Ave. mtpleasanttx.com 903-572-8567

PALESTINE: Nov. 24-Dec. 30 Polar Express Train Ride Read along with the story as the historic steam train makes its magical round-trip journey from the Palestine Depot to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot cocoa, treats, and gifts. Texas State Railroad Depot, Park Road 70. texasstaterailroad.net 855-632-7729

TEXARKANA: Oct. 14-Dec. 31 "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed" This new exhibit explores the bones and fossils belonging to the giant creatures that once roamed the earth. Visitors can view and even touch six full dinosaur skeletal molds, including a triceratops, tyrannosaurus rex, and velociraptor. There are additional molds of skulls, arms, legs, eggs, footprints, and a 6-foot-1-inch apatosaurus femur. Visitors will also enjoy a dig box where they can use paleontology tools

to unearth dinosaur bones. Discovery Place Interactive Museum, 215 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TEXARKANA: Nov. 18 Victorian Christmas Card Creations Invented in 1843 during the Victorian era by Henry Cole, who helped establish the British post office, the Christmas card has become a standard holiday tradition. Continue the holiday ritual by visiting this Victorian museum and create a variety of Christmas cards from the Victorian age to modern day. Ace of Clubs House, 420 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TYLER: Nov. 1-Dec. 31 Rose City Christmas Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season in Tyler, where beautiful and bright holiday events begin in November and continue through the end of December. Experience the annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, Holiday in the Park, live entertainment, holiday performances, and a multitude of shopping events including Mistletoe & Magic—the largest shopping extravaganza in the region. Various locations. visitt Tyler.com 903-592-1661

TYLER: Nov. 9-11 Mistletoe and Magic More than 90 specialty boutiques and merchants showcase antiques, gourmet foods, jewelry, seasonal decorations, clothing, and more at this holiday market. The event includes brunches, style shows, musical entertainment, and children's events. Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St. juniorleagueoftyler.org/mistletoe-magic 903-593-1080

WINNSBORO: Nov. 10-11 Art and Wine Festival In addition to a weekend-long art exhibition, the Winnsboro Fine Art Market highlights the best of local cuisine and allows community members to come together in appreciation of featured works. Historic downtown streets are closed to traffic during this free festival. Art includes traditional to abstract, painting to pottery, glass to silk from more than 50 artists, and 10 award-winning Texas wineries will showcase their bottles. Historic Downtown Winnsboro, Elm and Market streets. facebook.com/winnsborartwine 903-426-8207

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: Nov. 4 Howlfest Get ready for this spook-tacular event. It's time to get creative and have some fun dressing up your pooch. Beckett Park, 5044 Addison Circle. addisontexas.net 800-233-4766

ADDISON: Nov. 17 Addison Circle Tree Lighting Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with children's activities, horse carriage rides, holiday shopping, refreshments, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Beckett Park, 5044 Addison Circle. addisontexas.net 800-233-4766

ADDISON: Nov. 24-25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Vitruvian Lights Vitruvian Park will be transformed into a dazzling and magical holiday wonderland, with millions of sparkling LED lights wrapped around more than 550 trees. The mayor will "flip the switch" on opening night, then every Saturday through Christmas festivities will include live concerts, gourmet food trucks, an elf balloon artist, and holiday shopping. Vitruvian Park, 3966 Vitruvian Way. addisontexas.net 800-233-4766

ARLINGTON: Oct. 19-Jan. 14 "Salvador Dali" Enjoy selected works from the legendary surrealist artist. Arlington Museum of Art, 201 W. Main St. arlingtonmuseum.org 817-275-4600

ARLINGTON: Nov. 18-Dec. 31 Holiday in the Park Six Flags Over Texas' annual holiday extravaganza is complete with millions of lights, Santa himself, and a real snow hill. Six Flags Over Texas, 2201 Road to Six Flags. sixflags.com/overtexas 817-640-8900

ARLINGTON: Nov. 24-Dec. 23 Texas Christkindl Market Much like those found in Europe for the holiday season, this seventh annual Christmas market offers tons of new holiday fun for 2017. Globe Life Park in Arlington, 1000 Ballpark Way. txchristkindlmarket.com

BASTROP: Nov. 10-11 Veteran's Day Car Show Weekend Watch the cars cruise in on Friday night, then on Saturday morning, along with the car show, vendor booths, and live music, there is a solemn and respectful ceremony honoring those who have served our country in the military. The event is hosted annually by the Bastrop Area Cruisers. Downtown Bastrop. bastropareacruisers.com 512-303-0558

BASTROP: Nov. 24-Dec. 31 River of Lights Stroll along the June Hill Pape Riverwalk on the Colorado River in the evening to see more than 100 holiday displays. The event extends from the Friday following Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve. Fisherman's Park, 1200 Wilson St. lostpineschristmas.com 512-303-0558

BONHAM: Nov. 18 Christmas Parade Enjoy watching many floats, and participate in activities. Downtown Bonham Historic Square. visitbonham.com 903-583-9830

CAMERON: Nov. 4-5, 11-12 "Lilies of the Field" Homer Smith appears to have been sent by God to rural Arizona to build a chapel for five ex-East German nuns. Repeatedly, Smith's stubbornness is matched against the Mother Superior's—yet miraculously, they manage to work with each other, binding the entire community together. Williams Event Center, 408 S. Columbus. milamcommunitytheater.com 254-493-5539

CLEBURNE: Nov. 2-11 "Zorro the Musical" This new musical retells the dramatic tale of a romantic hero with extraordinary aerial acrobatics, spectacular sword-fighting, and incredible magic—all set to the famous red-hot Gipsy King beat brought to the stage with the authentic colors of traditional flamenco. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

CLEBURNE: Nov. 4 Celebrate the Arts Festival Enjoy entertainment, art, photography, vendor booths, food, and fun. JN Long Cultural Arts Complex, 425 Granbury St. cleburneculturalarts.com 817-641-4908

CLEBURNE: Nov. 17-25 "Annie" Billionaire Oliver Warbucks invites the red-headed orphan to spend Christmas at his mansion, and she accepts with the hope of finding her family after Warbucks promises a reward. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

CLEBURNE: Nov. 17-18 Pioneer Days Experience life in 1854 Wardville with historic buildings, cowboys, Native Americans, pioneers, gunfighters, Civil War reenactors, and food and art vendors. Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum, 101 Chisholm Trail. jcchisholmtrail.com 817-648-4633

CLEBURNE: Nov. 18 Breggett Rideau in Concert The critically acclaimed songstress and New Orleans native has defined an amazing legacy with her deep, resonant voice and her total command of jazz and soul. Songbird Live!, 210 E Henderson. songbirdlive.com 817-489-4840

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www.maybornmuseum.com

Bell County Museum
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<http://prehistorictexas.org>

CLEBURNE: Nov. 20-Dec. 31 Whistle-Stop Christmas Experience a Christmas wonderland with more than 3 million lights lit every evening. Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, children's train rides, and more. Hulen Park, 201 W. Westhill Dr. **817-645-2455**

CLEBURNE: Nov. 20 Whistle-Stop Christmas Lighting Ceremony Enjoy the Texas Tradition Chorus, a lighting ceremony, horse-drawn wagon rides (fee), children's train rides (fee), vendors, and more. Hulen Park, 210 W. Westhill Dr. **817-556-8858**

COLLEGE STATION: Through Jan. 8, 2018 The Legacy of Ranching: Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future Through diversification in agribusiness, the discovery of oil and gas, or success in other business ventures, the families who built Texas' historic ranches survived. The exhibit will highlight examples of historic Texas ranches that have endured to the present day and will provide an educational overview of how the livestock industries helped shape the state. George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, 1000 George Bush Dr. **bush41.org 979-691-4000**

DALLAS: Through Nov. 12 "Shaken, Stirred, Styled: The Art of the Cocktail" The Dallas Museum of Art dipped into its design collection to create a visual history of the cocktail, from 19th-century punch bowls to James Bond-worthy shakers. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. **dma.org 214-922-1200**

DALLAS: Sept. 20-Nov. 1 Night Fever: Fashions from Funk to Disco An exhibition of fashion from the 1970s, featuring more than 75 authentic garments and accessories from this iconic decade. Curated by Ken Weber of Vintage Martini, the exhibit will feature a diverse collection of American, French, Italian, and Japanese couture designers. Galleria Dallas, 13350 Dallas Pkwy. **galleriadallas.com**

DALLAS: Nov. 1 Sammons Jazz Showcasing the many styles of jazz performed by top local musicians in a historic setting, every concert consists of two sets performed by two bands. Admission includes valet parking, a light dinner, and beverages. Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. **sammonsjazz.com 214-520-7788**

DALLAS: Nov. 4, 12, 18 The Hidden Dallas Tour Cruise to some secret places in Dallas and check out extraordinary scenic, cultural, and architectural treasures—from giant teddy bears to hidden rooms. Discover some great neighborhoods and historic landmarks, stopping along the way for delicious snacks at "insider" culinary gems. Krispy Kreme, 5118 Greenville Ave. **dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997**

DALLAS: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Bishop Arts District Tours Sample the fun and fare of this unique neighborhood during walking tours of the eclectic and amazing Bishop Arts District. Slip into colorful galleries and shops, and stop at great eateries including one that is the pitmaster's choice for Best Barbecue in Dallas—and a place where you can make your own tableside s'mores. Veracruz Cafe, 400 N. Bishop Ave. **dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997**

DALLAS: Nov. 16 DIFFA Holiday Wreath Celebrate the holidays at the 22nd annual holiday wreath collection, featuring one-of-a-kind wreaths, as well as works of art and curated accessories from designers around the world. Fashion Industry Gallery, 1807 Ross Ave., Suite 167. **diffadallas.org 214-748-8580**

DALLAS: Nov. 24-Dec. 30 Christmas Lights, Chocolate, and Sips Tour View holiday lights in delicious style via private motorcoach. Taste scrumptious treats from premier local dessert venues, then relax while gliding past some of Dallas' most spectacular holiday displays in

the Park Cities, Swiss Avenue, and other areas. Krispy Kreme, 5118 Greenville Ave. **dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997**

DALLAS: Nov. 30 Tall Tales Enjoy story time on the GeO-Deck every month. Children's librarians from the Dallas Public Library will present fun for ages 2 through 5 who love to jump around, hear a story, and sing a song. Seating is lounge inspired and will fill quickly. Reunion Tower, 300 Reunion Blvd. **reuniontower.com 214-712-7040**

DECATUR: Nov. 4 Decatur Swirl Enjoy wine and food tastings hosted by Decatur Main Street, featuring downtown retail shopping. Downtown Decatur, 106 S. Trinity St. **decaturswirl.com 940-399-9558**

DECATUR: Nov. 18 A Touch of Rust Holiday Market This Southern vintage and handmade market offers repurposed, retro and junky-cute furniture, art, home decor, handmade items, clothing, jewelry and more. Wise County Fairgrounds, 3101 FM 51 South. **atouchofrust.com 405-255-6519**

DENISON: Nov. 4 Dia de los Muertos Festival Sixth annual event offers amazing vendors, sugar skulls, and a giant-puppet parade. Heritage Park, 320 W. Main St. **smalltownbigart.com 903-465-1551**

DENISON: Nov. 24-Jan. 2 Denison on Ice Enjoy outdoor ice skating downtown every day through the holidays and see Santa's workshop. RadioVision Lot, 530 W. Main St. **denisonlive.com 903-463-5611**

DENISON: Nov. 24-Dec. 31 Holiday Lights at Loy Lake Drive through the park and tour a large venue of brilliant light displays. Loy Lake Park. **denisontexas.us 903-465-1551**

DENTON: Nov. 4 North Texas Horse Country Tour The central region of North Texas is home to virtually every equine breed and discipline spread among some 400 horse farms and ranches. From ranch to ranch, visitors meander their way among a breathtaking variety of some of the country's finest horses. DATCU Employee Parking Lot, 210 S. Elm St. **discoverdenton.com 940-382-7895**

DENTON: Nov. 16 Beaujolais and More Wine and Food Tasting An annual wine and food tasting experience where attendees can enjoy Beaujolais Nouveau shipped directly from France. This festival fundraiser has expanded to include a variety of fine wines and food tastings from almost 30 Denton County restaurants and catering professionals. Denton Civic Center, 321 E. McKinney St. **dentoncommunitytheatre.com 940-382-1915**

DENTON: Nov. 18 Turkey Roll Bicycle Rally An annual bike rally that offers an opportunity to work off the Thanksgiving calories before taking a single bite. The rally has variable lengths that range from 8 to 68 miles to benefit both novice and expert riders. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2255 N. Bonnie Brae. **dentonturkeyroll.com 940-206-5177**

DUNCANVILLE: Nov. 25 Fourth Saturday Cultural Event A cultural movie is presented on the fourth Saturday of every other month, while a country-specific dinner and entertainment are presented on the alternate month. In November, join the museum for the movie "Septembers in Shiraz." In this film, set in 1970s Iran, a prosperous Jewish family are forced to risk everything they have in the face of the 1979 revolution. Museum of International Cultures, 411 US 67. **internationalmuseumofcultures.org 972-572-0462**

EDGEWOOD: Nov. 11 Heritage Festival The 41st annual event encompasses more than 21 authentically restored and furnished structures representing rural life in

East Texas in 1900. All buildings will be open for visitors. This year, the festival is dedicated to veterans. The day features artisan, blacksmith, and printing shop demos; classic car and antique tractor shows; a western shoot-out; Santa Claus; vendors children's rides; food; and more. Heritage Park Museum of East Texas, Houston and Front streets. **edgewoodheritagefestival.com 903-896-1940**

ELGIN: Nov. 4 Veterans' Appreciation Parade This parade is for veterans and their families and supporters, to show them appreciation for their service. The parade will start at Main Street and 11th Street and continue on Main through downtown to Brenham. Veterans of Foreign Wars, 118 Old Sayers Road. **myvfw.org 512-285-2300**

ELGIN: Nov. 9 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through downtown stores. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists and live music in many of the storefronts. Historic Downtown Elgin. **elgintx.com**

ELGIN: Nov. 17 Holiday Lighting Kick off the holiday season by lighting up Elgin. See the singing Christmas tree, and enjoy the sounds of the season downtown. City Hall, 310 N. Main St. **elgintx.com**

ENNIS: Nov. 30 Lights of Ennis Parade and Block Party Enjoy a parade of lights, live music and dance performances, children's activities, food trucks, photo ops, and more. Downtown Ennis, 119 N. Dallas St. **visitennis.org 972-878-4748**

FAIRFIELD: Nov. 25 A Square Affair On Small Business Saturday, vendors set up on the downtown square to help you find the perfect Christmas gift. Free for vendors, free for attendees, and fun for everyone. Freestone County Courthouse Square, 118 E. Commerce. **fairfieldtexaschamber.com 903-389-5792**

FARMERSVILLE: Nov. 4 Farmers and Fleas Market Market features coffee, food, crafts, jewelry, soaps, antiques, home decor, plants, produce, and more. The Onion Shed, 151 S. Main St. **farmersvilletx.com 972-784-6846**

FORT WORTH: Sept. 23-Nov. 26 "Misty Keasler: Haunt" This series, which depicts 13 themed haunted houses across America, allows lingering looks—something that is not possible at actual haunts where visitors are shuttled through on a forced and darkened path—and the more we look, the more terrifying the scenes become. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. **themodern.org 817-738-9215**

FORT WORTH: Nov. 8-12 Lone Star Film Festival Hosted by the Lone Star Film Society, this year-round series of programs culminates in a five-day celebration of cinema. This year marks its 11th year. Sundance Square. **lonestarfilmfestival.com 817-924-6000**

FORT WORTH: Nov. 18 Sundance Square Christmas Tree Lighting Mark the beginning of the holiday season at this annual event. Sundance Square Plaza. **sundancesquare.com 817-255-5700**

FORT WORTH: Nov. 19 XTO Energy Parade of Lights Kick off the holiday season in style with more than 100 highly illuminated entries. Belknap and Throckmorton streets. **fortworthparadeofflights.org 817-336-2787**

GARLAND: Nov. 11 Urban Flea This outdoor market features vintage and homemade vendors, live music, and food trucks—joining forces with Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery. Downtown Garland, 150 N. Sixth St. **intrinsicbrewing.com or theurbanfleatx.com**

GLEN ROSE: Sept. 1-Nov. 4 "The Promise" This long-running outdoor musical combines a 150-

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GLEN ROSE: Nov. 4 Citywide Scavenger Hunt Explore Glen Rose while looking for "treasure." Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-3081

GLEN ROSE: Nov. 13 Cheetah! For this class and tour, homeschoolers and others can look, learn, and fall in love with the center's 20-plus cheetahs. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Nov. 18 Third Weekend Bluegrass Enjoy the sounds of bluegrass music throughout the park. Includes a pickin' and grinnin' jam session followed by a band performing. Oakdale Park, 1019 NE Barnard St. 254-897-2321

GLEN ROSE: Nov. 21 Learning from The Lorax For this class and tour, homeschool students and others will have the opportunity to visit the Street of the Lifted Lorax and become part of the story. It relates the Lorax to an endangered Texas native, the Attwater's prairie chicken. Registration required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Nov. 24 Dino Friday Black Friday, Glen Rose-style. Downtown, 102 Walnut St. 254-897-3081

GLEN ROSE: Nov. 25 Lighted Christmas Parade The parade to kick-off the Christmas season. Downtown, 102 Walnut St. 254-897-2286

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 2-4, 9-11 Quarter Horse Racing Catch the fun and excitement of live quarter horse racing every Thursday through Saturday this fall. Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Pkwy. lonestarpark.com 972-263-7223

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 4-5 Crab Fest Enjoy a variety of tasty crab dishes and live music from the '60s and '70s. Traders Village, 2606 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie 972-647-2331

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 17-19 "Paw Patrol Live!" Based on the hit animated TV series, performers bring the pups to the stage for an action-packed, high-energy, musical adventure. Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Parkway. verizontheatre.com 972-854-5050

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 18-19 Mountain Man Gathering Experience a valuable part of American history and enjoy some of the pre-1840s costumes along with Mountain Man demonstrations at this annual gathering. Traders Village, 2606 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie 972-647-2331

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 22 "Peppa Pig Live!" Peppa Pig is an action-packed live show featuring favorite characters from the animated series. Join Peppa, George, Mummy Pig, Daddy Pig and more in an all-singing, all-dancing adventure full of songs, games, and surprises. Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Pkwy. verizontheatre.com 972-854-5050

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 1-Jan. 31 "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" This seasonal exhibition examines the making of the animated classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and celebrates the anticipation, joy, and pitfalls of the holiday season in 50 of Charles M. Schulz's original Peanuts comic strips. The exhibit will also feature three activity areas: a letter to Santa writing station, a video nook to view the DVD program, and a photo opportunity. Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main St. grapevintexasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 17-19 Texas Coin Show See coins, stamps, currency, gold, jewelry, proof sets,

and more. Prize drawings take place on Sunday during the show. Free parking, police security, 70 dealer tables, ANACS Grading Service, and three gold coin prizes. Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St. grapevintexasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 20 Carol of Lights See Grapevine Mayor William D. Tate flip the switch that transforms Historic Downtown Grapevine into the Christmas Capital of Texas. The city will be illuminated with more than 1 million lights along Main Street in Historic Downtown Grapevine. Enjoy live music and hot chocolate. Town Square Gazebo, 325 S. Main St. 817-410-3185

HALLETTSVILLE: Through Nov. 30, 2018 Texas in World War I Features a series of programs and exhibits on various topics relating to Texas and its role in World War I. French Simpson Memorial Library, 705 E. Fourth St. hallettsvillelibrary.org 361-798-3243 ext. 208

LEWISVILLE: Nov. 25-26 "The Nutcracker" LakeCities Ballet Theatre performs a favorite seasonal ballet of wonder and magic. Through the years, it has become a Christmas tradition, rising in popularity to become one of the most beloved ballets of all time. Audiences will be treated to special returning guest artists Sarah Lane, soloist with American Ballet Theater of New York, as the Sugarplum Fairy; and Daniel Ulbricht, soloist and principal dancer with New York City Ballet, as her cavalier. Marcus High School Auditorium, 5707 Morris Road. lakecitiesballet.org 972-317-7987

MCDADE: Nov. 10-12 Sound on Sound Festival The second annual music event, held 35 miles east of Austin, includes a wide variety of music acts including the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Iggy Pop, and The Shins; as well as comedy stand-ups, panel sessions, and on-site camping. Sherwood Forest, 1883 Old Highway 20. soundonsoundfest.com 512-581-4074

MCKINNEY: Sept. 2-Feb. 18 Dinosaurs Live! This annual exhibit features animatronic dinosaurs stationed along nature trails. Closed Mondays. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. heardmuseum.org 972-562-5566

MCKINNEY: Nov. 17-19 Third Monday Trade Days One of the largest flea markets in North Texas, it features more than 450 vendors. Third Monday Trade Days, 4550 W. University (US 380). 972-562-5466

MCKINNEY: Nov. 17-19 Vintage Market Days An upscale vintage market featuring antiques, architectural and industrial items, unique handmade items. Shop in a charming and relaxing setting, with live music, yummy food, and more. Myers & Park Event Center, 7117 CR 166. vintagemarketdays.com 918-688-0142

MCKINNEY: Nov. 24-26 Annual Home for the Holidays Enjoy carriage and train rides, carolers, food, music and dance performances, "A Christmas Carol," and food and craft vendors. Santa will be on hand for pictures with the little ones. Downtown McKinney, 111 N. Tennessee. downtownmckinney.com 972-547-2660

MESQUITE: Nov. 1-26 Mesquite Creative Artists Association Exhibit Enjoy an exhibit of art by the Mesquite Creative Artists Association. Galleries are open Monday through Friday and during events. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Nov. 4 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert The orchestra performs during its 31st concert season. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitesymphony.org 972-216-8127

MESQUITE: Nov. 11 Florence Ranch Homestead Tours Tour an early settler's homestead. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: Nov. 11 Harvest Festival Barn Dance This new event features an old-fashioned barn dance in a restored 1800s barn. Opal Lawrence Historical Park Barn, 701 E. Kearney St. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Nov. 16-19 Hella Shrine Circus This circus is a combination of strength, skill, beauty, and mystery. With amazing lighting and sound, human and animal performers bring magic to life. Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Dr. mesquitearena.com 972-285-8777

MESQUITE: Nov. 17 Black Box Series: Al Fike, Comedian Enjoy a fun performance by this Christian comedian. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Nov. 18 Just for Kids: Canvas Creations Find the artist in your child. This free event allows children to paint following detailed instructions. All supplies are provided. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MEXIA: Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Mistletoe, Music, and Magic Christmas Festival The three-day event kicks off with a Christmas Parade of Lights, followed by vendor booths and music. Visitors will find handcrafted jewelry, decor, and crafts at inside booths, along with food and larger items at outdoor booths. A DJ performs onstage throughout the event. Mexia Civic Center, 101 McKinney St. mexiachamber.com 254-562-5569

MIDLOTHIAN: Nov. 4 Fall Wine and Arts Festival Taste wines from up to 15 different wineries, purchase craft beer, and listen to talented, local bands and musicians. Boutique and vendor shopping as well as food trucks round out the festival activities. Downtown Midlothian, 203 N. Eighth St. midlothianchamber.org 972-723-8600

PLANO: Oct. 28-Nov. 18 "Sherlock Holmes and the West End Horror" A theater critic has been murdered, and Holmes and Watson are soon visited by Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, who entices Holmes to take the case. This rollicking whodunit features some of the most famous literary luminaries of the day. Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road, Suite 580. roverdramawerks.com 972-849-0358

PLANO: Nov. 9 Downtown Plano Art and Wine Walk Stroll the downtown Plano arts district, sampling different wines in shops and galleries, listening to street musicians, and checking out artists and their wares. Raffle prizes are drawn at 9:15 p.m. Downtown Plano Arts District, 998 E. 15th St. visitplano.com 972-468-1588

PLANO: Nov. 9-11 Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market Junior League's holiday shopping fundraiser features gifts, home decor, ladies clothing and accessories, jewelry, children's items, and gourmet foods. Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. jlcollincounty.org 972-769-0557

PLANO: Nov. 19 Plano Christmas Market This fun and free event will showcase handmade holiday gift

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items, jewelry, and clothing for adults and children, along with candles and soaps, salsas, jams, nuts, and dips for gifts or holiday parties. Carpenter Park Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road. plano.gov 972-941-7250

PLANO: Nov. 19 Plano Community Band Fall Concert A free seasonal concert. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. visitplano.com 972-814-8882

PLANO: Nov. 25-Dec. 30 "The Three Musketeers" Don't miss the final show at Theatre Britain before it closes forever. The tale—a traditional British pantomime—is told in the style of melodrama. Cheer for the good guys, boo and hiss the bad guys, and join in with the characters on stage. Theatre Britain, 1517 H Avenue. theatre-britain.com 972-490-4202

RICHARDSON: Nov. 18 Plano Symphony: Hector Guzman Celebrates 35 Years Join Hector Guzman as he celebrates 35 years as music director of the Plano Symphony Orchestra. Vasselin Demirev joins as guest concertmaster and Mariachi Los Camperos brings their high-energy music to the celebration. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. planosymphony.org 972-473-7262

SALADO: Nov. 10-12 Scottish Gathering and Highland Games The oldest festival of its kind in Texas, this three-day event includes the skirl of bagpipes, traditional Scottish dancing and athletics, a dog parade, live music, shopping, food and more. Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St. saladoscottishfestival.com 512-947-5232

SAN FELIPE: Nov. 4 Father of Texas Celebration Celebrate Stephen F. Austin's birthday with special activities, presentations, demonstrations, and reenactments. Colonia Texas Heritage Day, 15945 FM 1458. visitsanfelipedaustin.com 979-885-2181

SMITHVILLE: Sept. 15-Nov. 4 Scream Hollow Wicked Halloween Park Includes three haunted houses: Mansion of Terror, Lost Pines Zombie City and Slaughter Circus. The park also has movies, retail, music, the Cackling Witch Cafe and Bakery, and the Rabid Bat Vampire Bar. Scream Hollow, 149 Split Rail Lane. screamhollow.com 512-710-8267

SMITHVILLE: Nov. 11 Airing of the Quilts and Garden Club Home Tour Visit beautiful homes in the Smithville historic district, while at the same time a collection of hand-created quilts will be displayed all over town as a nod to a historic past and specialized craft. Drawings are held downtown. Main Street. smithvilletx.org 512-237-2313

TEMPLE: Nov. 3 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, the heart of Temple becomes a big multi-block party. Enjoy street music and performances, great drinks, amazing food, and after hours shopping. Downtown. ci.temple.tx.us 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Nov. 7-8 Holiday Bowtique This two-day market features local artists, craftspeople and artisans. Cultural Arts Center, 3011 N. Third St. cacarts.org 254-913-5666

TEMPLE: Nov. 22 Dead Poet Night A monthly open mic poetry night. Bring something to read to the group or just sit back with a glass of wine and listen in. J. Cowboy Wine Bar, 13 E. Avenue B. downtowntemple.com 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: Nov. 25 Food Truck Frenzy and Main Street Market Discover Downtown is mixing the monthly Food Truck Frenzy with the Main Street Market, to create another delicious event. Dine on some of Temple's very best food trucks, then stroll through the many arts and crafts vendors that will be set up along the way. These events are free and

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VAN: Nov. 11 Holly Berry Holiday Bazaar The annual bazaar allows a variety of area vendors to bring their holiday items to sell and promote their wares. There will be a food court supplied by a local vendor. Santa will be there, possibly joined by Mrs. Santa and their elves or reindeer. Van United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 326 W. Main St. vantx.com 903-368-4015

WAXAHACHIE: Nov. 10-12 Veterans Weekend and WWII Reenactment Reenactors from all over the state of Texas set up camp and re-create battles from WWII. Historic Downtown Waxahachie, 100 W. Main. waxahachiecvb.com 469-309-4040

WHITNEY: Nov. 4 Classic Car Show Seventh annual show features classic cars, trucks, street rods/specialty vehicles, motorcycles, tractors, and lawn mower racers. Downtown Whitney. lakewhitneychamber.com 254-694-2540

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ALICE: Nov. 28 Christmas Parade Enjoy the lighting of downtown along with an illuminated parade and the arrival of Santa Claus. Downtown, 500 E. Main. alicetxchamber.org 361-664-3454

ALICE: Nov. 28-Dec. 9 Twelve Days of Christmas Various holiday events are held each night for 12 consecu-

tive days. Downtown, 500 E. Main. alicetxchamber.org 361-664-3454

CRYSTAL CITY: Nov. 10-12 Spinach Festival Annual event celebrates the area's spinach-producing history. cityofcc.org 830-374-3161 or 830-374-3477

EAGLE PASS: Nov. 4 Veteran's Day Parade Honor the day with the American Legion Eagle Post No. 211. The parade begins at 11 a.m. downtown. 830-773-2528

FLORESVILLE: Nov. 2 Opry A family-friendly event for all who enjoy toe-tapping or dancing to live classic country music. Wilson County Show Barn Ball Room, 435 Texas 97. facebook.com/floresvilleopry 830-391-1062

GEORGE WEST: Nov. 4-5 Storyfest Come to the Storytelling Capital of Texas to hear professional storytellers, cowboy poets, ghost stories, and live music. The tales are accompanied by living history exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, food booths, a classic car show, a motorcycle show, a children's area, and more. Stay over for Sacred Stories on Sunday morning. Live Oak County Courthouse Square, 300 Houston St. georgeweststoryfest.org 361-449-2481

MCALLEN: Nov. 10-12 A Vibrant Heritage—Mexican Artisan Expo The event will feature more than 60 artisans from various states in Mexico. Some of the handcrafted products that will be showcased are textiles, oil paintings, silver jewelry, Talavera, and more. McAllen Creative Incubator, 601 N. Main St. facebook.com/mexicanartisanexpo 956-682-2871

OAKVILLE: Nov. 3 Dobie Dichos: Campfires, Chili con Carne, and the Words of J. Frank Dobie The words and wisdom of folklorist, author, and teacher J. Frank Dobie are celebrated at this unique, seventh-annual event, held beside the old hanging tree at the original county jail. Bring a lawn chair, dine on chili and pan de campo, and go back in time to the world of Dobie. Historic Oakville Jail, 107 Curry St. georgeweststoryfest.org 361-449-2481

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 21-Dec. 31 Fall Hudson Showroom and Main Space The Hudson Showroom, named after the Hudson automobile dealership that formerly occupied the space, features exhibitions that showcase work reflecting the organization's international scope. Previous featured artists include Jim Hodges, Catherine Opie, and Allen Ruppersberg. Artpace, 445 N. Main Ave. artpace.org 210-212-4900

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 4 Weston Wright "Lighting the Way" 5K/10K Run/Walk Join 12-year-old Weston Wright and his Lighthouse friends for this annual fun run. All proceeds benefit blind children's programs through the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind and Vision Impaired. Strollers and pets are welcome; enjoy food, drinks, face painting, prizes and medals. McAllister Park - Pavilion 2, 13102 Jones-Maltsberger Road. salighthouse.org/events 210-531-1533

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 9-Dec. 31 Fall International Artists-In-Residence Three times a year, Artpace invites a guest curator to choose three artists to live and create art in San Antonio for two months. Each residency cycle includes one international, one national, and one Texas-based artist. Artpace, 445 N. Main Ave. artpace.org 210-212-4900

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 24 Ford Holiday River Parade On the day after Thanksgiving, floats on the river are decorated as various Christmas movies. San Antonio River Walk, Arneson River Theater, 418 Villita St. thesanantonioriverwalk.com 210-737-9040

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